



*Town of* COLRAIN 1954

MASSACHUSETTS





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
**COLRAIN**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*1954*

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# TOWN OFFICERS

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## Selectmen

Calvin P. Call	Term expires 1956
Donald G. Shearer	Term expires 1955
Glenn T. Brown	Term expires 1957

## Assessors

Frank S. Apte	Term expires 1957
Robert B. Goodell	Term expires 1955
Harold L. Roberts	Term expires 1956

## School Committee

James H. Cromack	Term expires 1955
Raymond E. Nichols	Term expires 1956
Louise B. O'Brien	Term expires 1957

## Town Clerk

Florence W. Booth	Term expires 1955
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## Town Treasurer

Florence W. Booth	Term expires 1955
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## Tax Collector

Florence W. Booth	Term expires 1957
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## Auditor

Sarah W. Coombs	Term expires 1955
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## Library Trustees

Rockwell E. Donelson	Term expires 1955
Florence W. Booth	Term expires 1955
Raymond E. Nichols	Term expires 1957
Byron Scott	Term expires 1957
C. J. Carpenter	Term expires 1956
Carl V. Sewall	Term expires 1956

## Tree Warden

Carl V. Sewall	Term expires 1955
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## Fence Viewers

Ernest Joy	Term expires 1955
Sanford W. Hager	Term expires 1955

## Field Driver

A. D. Hillman	Term expires 1955
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## Constables

Donald G. Shearer	Term expires 1955
Osdin R. Lynde	Term expires 1955
Howard E. Schontag	Term expires 1955



### Caucus Committee

C. Elmer Stacy  
John M. Coombs  
Raymond E. Nichols

Term expires 1955  
Term expires 1955  
Term expires 1955

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### APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1954

(all terms expire in 1955)

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	Calvin P. Call
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen	Glenn T. Brown
Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	Florence W. Booth
Pound Keeper	Lawrence J. Lively
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Carl V. Sewall
Dog Officer	Osdin R. Lynde
Public Weighers	Herbert Nichols
Agent Board of Health	John H. Olson
Chief of Police	Donald G. Shearer
Welfare District Representative	Glenn T. Brown
Supt. of Roads	Archie Worden, Sr.
Fire Chief	Clinton E. Gray
Measurer of Wood & Lumber	F. J. Call
	Carl V. Sewall
	Clifford Carey
	Marshall Fairbanks
	Edmund Lively
	Marshall Cromack
	Earle Temple, Sr.
Chairman of Board of Health	Glenn T. Brown

Office Hours for Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Monday	9:00 A.M. to Noon	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 A.M. to Noon	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Thursday		1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Friday		1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Monday evenings at 8:00 P.M. Selectmen and Town Clerk meet.

First Tuesday of each month Assessors meet.

# TOWN WARRANT

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain, in the County of Franklin, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall in said Town on *Monday the seventh day of February next, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your vote on one ballot for the following officers: One Town Clerk, for one year, One Town Treasurer for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One School Committee member for three years, One Commissioner of Chandler Hill and Christian Hill Cemeteries for three years, One Commissioner of Chandler Hill and Christian Hill Cemeteries for two years, Two Library Trustees for three years, One Tree Warden for one year, Three Fence Viewers for one year, One Field Driver for one year, Three Constables for one year, One Auditor for one year, Three Caucus Committee members for one year.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of various town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to make the following appropriations and raise by taxation the required amount or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Sec. 1.	Bridges	\$ 4,000.00
Sec. 2.	Railings	400.00
Sec. 3.	Street Lights	900.00
Sec. 4.	Schools	78,465.00
Sec. 5.	Vocational Education	13,600.00
Sec. 6.	Public Welfare	3,000.00
Sec. 7.	Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Sec. 8.	Old Age Assistance	19,000.00
Sec. 9.	Disability Assistance	250.00



Sec. 10.	Soldiers' Benefits	6,000.00
Sec. 11.	Well Child Conference	100.00
Sec. 12.	Board of Health	200.00
Sec. 13.	Agent Board of Health	75.00
Sec. 14.	School and District and Substitute Nurse	2,600.00
Sec. 15.	All Other Town Officers	700.00
Sec. 16.	Incidentals	1,000.00
Sec. 17.	Town Reports and Ballots	600.00
Sec. 18.	Office Expense	400.00
Sec. 19.	Surety Bonds	200.00
Sec. 20.	Memorial Day	150.00
Sec. 21.	Library	800.00
Sec. 22.	Workmen's Compensation	1,100.00
Sec. 23.	Fire Protection	200.00
Sec. 24.	Treatment of Dog Bites as required by law	50.00
Sec. 25.	Care of Public Dump	425.00
Sec. 26.	Moth Work	400.00
Sec. 27.	Dutch Elm Work	300.00
Sec. 28.	Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Sec. 29.	Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	50.00
Sec. 30.	Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Sec. 31.	Town Lots-Branch Cemetery	50.00
Sec. 32.	Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Sec. 33.	Fire Pumper Maintenance and Equipment	2,000.00
Sec. 34.	Selectmen	1,000.00
Sec. 35.	Assessors and Assessors Clerk	950.00
Sec. 36.	School Committee	300.00
Sec. 37.	Town Clerk	500.00
Sec. 38.	Town Treasurer	600.00
Sec. 39.	Tax Collector	500.00
Sec. 40.	Constables	90.00
Sec. 41.	Tree Warden	20.00
Sec. 42.	Moderator	20.00
Sec. 43.	Defense	200.00
Sec. 44.	Winter Roads	5,000.00
Sec. 45.	Insurance on Trucks and Tractors	350.00
Sec. 46.	Insurance on Central School	150.00
Sec. 47.	School Loan and Interest	12,900.00
Sec. 48.	Machinery	5,000.00
Sec. 49.	Care of Veterans' Graves	25.00



Sec. 50.	Maintenance of Town Office & Garage	1,500.00
Sec. 51.	Insurance on Town Building	50.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as posted by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Finance Committee as recommended by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, within a year and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than a year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a public kindergarten in the Town of Colrain; said kindergarten to be operated under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen permission to dispose of the Provenchia pro-

perty, so called, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen permission to dispose of the Griswoldville School Building or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a power grader and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of old tractor and snow plow and to apply proceeds of same toward purchase of said grader, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum or sums of money; (1) for the resurfacing of the driveway and walk of the town building, (2) for the painting of the Town Office, (3) for the insulation of the Town Garage ceiling, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,200.00 for the relocation and construction of about 40 rods of highway on the Catamount Hill road or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to abolish the Town Caucus or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Dog Fund any sum or sums of money to the Griswold Memorial Library or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the 1954 Machinery earnings of \$3,792.50 to the Machinery Maintenance or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will appropriate from the Merrifield Fund the sum of \$2,000.00 for Con-



struction and Maintenance of the so-called Taylor Brook Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Assessors' Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the 1955 Tax Rate, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$816.00 for the Town's share in administration of Welfare or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL OPEN AT NOON AND  
CLOSE AT SEVEN-THIRTY P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Four Usual Places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

CALVIN P. CALL,  
DONALD G. SHEARER,  
GLENN T. BROWN,  
*Selectmen of Colrain.*

A true copy. Attest:

DONALD G. SHEARER, *Constable.*

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## Chapter #81

Town Appropriation		\$ 4,250.00
State Contract:		23,375.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	\$ 2,049.00	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	1,507.50	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	1,508.75	
Dexter, Shearer, Laborer	422.50	
John Miner, Laborer	467.50	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	627.90	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	1,027.40	
William Herzig, Laborer	701.25	
Amos Herzig, Laborer	348.70	
Douglas Call, Laborer	139.70	
James Horrocks, Laborer	819.50	
William Streeter, Laborer	222.00	
Edward Root, Laborer	56.00	
Robert Coates, Laborer	7.50	
Paul Heist, Laborer	16.50	
Robert Rice, Laborer	16.50	
Robert Wollenweber, Laborer	72.60	
Edward Lively, Laborer	27.05	
Charles York, Laborer	16.20	
Robert Underwood, Laborer	3.30	
Robert Purinton, Laborer	3.30	
William B. Call, Laborer	8.80	
Glenn T. Brown, Equipment	906.50	
F. J. Call, Equipment	1,083.25	
Lawrence Lively, Equipment & Material	676.14	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	5,934.00	
Colrain Mach'ry.	2,408.50	
Walter Purington, Equipment	22.50	
Maurice Thompson, Equipment & Materials	199.06	
Town of Shelburne, Equipment	72.50	
Helen Gerrett, Materials	64.50	
Town of Buckland, Equipment	15.00	
Town of Charlemont, Equipment	17.50	
Leslie Kelley, Equipment	29.50	
Carroll, Stowe, Equipment	5.00	
Peter Graff, Equipment	20.00	
Lawrence Shearer, Jr., Equipment	20.00	
Independent Coal Co., Tar	1,364.94	
Maxon Dixon Paint Co., Materials	30.50	
Koppers Co., Tar	1,226.67	



Alfred Gass, Gravel	114.50	
Mackin Sand & Concrete Prod. Co., Materials	16.15	
Mary O'Brien, Gravel	93.90	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Chloride & Pipe	350.00	
Calvin Call, Gravel	18.00	
Northfield Washed Sand Co., Stone	793.99	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	942.13	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	701.56	
Leon Carpenter, Gravel	225.40	
Lyle Hall, Materials	149.94	
John Brusio, Gravel	53.50	
Expended		\$ 27,624.58
Unexpended		.42

### Chapter #90 Maintenance

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Treasury		2,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	45.00	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	107.50	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	152.50	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	24.20	
James Horrocks, Laborer	52.80	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	4.60	
Dexter Shearer, Laborer	10.00	
John Miner, Laborer	33.00	
William Herzig, Laborer	41.80	
Douglas Call, Laborer	13.20	
Edward Root, Laborer	14.00	
Paul Heist, Laborer	12.00	
Robert Rice, Laborer	8.00	
Edward Lively, Laborer	10.00	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	153.50	
Town of Shelburne, Equipment	8.00	
Town of Charlemont, Equipment	20.00	
Colrain Machinery, Equipment	270.00	
Independent Coal & Tar Co., Tar	1,250.95	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Gravel	371.70	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Material	396.61	
Expended		\$ 2,999.36
Unexpended		.64

### Chapter #90 Maintenance (Special)

Special Town Meeting		\$ 1,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	52.50	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	53.75	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	20.00	

Robert Bruno, Laborer	20.90	
James Horrocks, Laborer	38.50	
Walter Purington, Power Saw	10.00	
Amos Herzig, Laborer	8.80	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	591.00	
F. J. Call, Equipment	28.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Equipment	56.00	
Lawrence Lively, Equipment & Material	32.00	
Colrain Machinery, Equipment	88.50	
Expendeds		\$ 999.95
Unexpended		.05

### Chapter #90 Construction

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Treasury		6,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	406.50	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	338.75	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	263.75	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	211.20	
James Horrocks, Laborer	201.30	
Dexter Shearer, Laborer	15.00	
John Miner, Laborer	220.00	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	43.70	
William Herzig, Laborer	223.30	
Robert Wollenweber, Laborer	48.40	
Charles York, Laborer	8.10	
Clarence O'Brien, Laborer	10.40	
Dexter O'Brien, Laborer	8.80	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	2,729.50	
Glenn T. Brown, Equipment	196.00	
F. J. Call, Equipment	182.00	
Lawrence Lively, Equipment & Gravel	61.50	
Town of Shelburne, Equipment	25.00	
Walter Purington, Equipment	17.50	
Colrain Mach'ry, Equipment	569.00	
Independent Coal Co., Tar	591.86	
Oscar Desreauisseau, Fill	103.15	
Koppers Co., Tar	558.46	
Frank Hance, Material	46.75	
W. N. Potter Grain Co., Chloride	145.83	
Northfield Washed Sand Co., Sand	333.57	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	326.16	
Leon Carpenter, Gravel	114.00	
Expendeds		\$ 7,999.48
Unexpended		.52



### Green River Fund

State Contract		\$ 5,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	280.50	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	218.75	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	123.75	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	196.65	
John Miner, Laborer	113.30	
William Herzig, Laborer	79.20	
Douglas Call, Laborer	61.60	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	2,414.75	
Glenn T. Brown, Equipment	185.50	
F. J. Call, Equipment	206.50	
Maurice Thompson, Equipment & Material	447.48	
Helen Gerrett, Gravel	240.00	
Fred Hall, Gravel	83.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culvert	28.03	
Colrain Machinery, Equipment	320.00	
Expended	—————\$	4,999.51
Unexpended		.49

### Merrifield Fund

Received		\$ 2,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	94.50	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	78.75	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	38.75	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	34.10	
James Horrocks, Laborer	60.50	
William Herzig, Laborer	33.55	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	54.05	
John Miner, Laborer	57.20	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	1,029.75	
F. J. Call, Equipment	101.50	
Glenn T. Brown, Equipment	70.00	
Lawrence Lively, Equipment & Material	17.00	
William Ryan, Power Saw	20.00	
Maurice Thompson, Equipment & Material	88.52	
Milton Booth, Gravel	92.50	
Colrain Machinery, Equipment	129.00	
Expended	—————\$	1,999.67
Unexpended		.33

### Winter Roads

Town Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	651.00	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	522.50	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	581.25	
Dexter Shearer, Laborer	513.70	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	46.00	

Robert Bruno, Laborer	46.20
William Herzig, Laborer	4.40
Douglas Call, Laborer	8.80
Richard Rubin, Laborer	20.90
Roger Purrington, Laborer	35.00
Edward Lively, Laborer	2.50
Lawrence Lively, Equipment & Materials	264.75
Donald Shearer, Equipment	116.25
Frank Hance, Materials	19.94

Brighton Steel Co., Materials	507.51	
Mackin Sand & Concrete, Gravel	314.50	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Salt	530.00	
Expended		\$ 4,185.20
Unexpended		814.80

#### Bridges

Town Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	35.63	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	8.80	
James Horrocks, Laborer	17.60	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	9.20	
William Herzig, Laborer	8.80	
The Hubers, Branch Cemetery Bridge	1,166.00	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	59.77	
C. A. Denison, Lumber	89.07	
Expended		\$ 1,394.87
Unexpended		2,605.13

#### Railings

Town Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	5.40	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck Driver	10.00	
Robert Bruno, Laborer	4.40	
Dexter Shearer, Laborer	5.00	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	9.20	
Lawrence Lively, materials	14.69	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	28.35	
C. A. Denison, Lumber	64.64	
Expended		\$ 141.68
Unexpended		258.32

#### Machinery Earnings

Chapter #81	\$ 2,408.50	
Chapter #90 Maintenance	270.00	
Chapter #90 Construction	569.00	
Chapter #90 Maintenance (Special)	88.50	
Merrifield Fund	129.00	
Green River Fund	320.00	
Unexpended		\$ 3,785.00



### Machinery Maintenance

Town Appropriation		\$	1,388.50
Transferred from 1953 Machinery Earnings			3,611.50
Transferred from Winter Road Appropriation			500.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	34.80		
Kenneth Terrill, Work on Equipment	50.00		
Archie Worden, Jr., Work on Equipment	37.50		
Robert Bruno, Work on Equipment	11.00		
Dexter Shearer, Work on Equipment	7.50		
Jermiah Lynch, Tire and Tube	22.95		
A. R. Sandri, Gasoline	2,028.31		
Calvin P. Call, Chains	4.00		
Harold Allen, Parts	239.40		
Ormond's Garage, Parts	9.15		
Construction Equipment Co., Parts & Repairs	538.36		
Osdin Lynde, Gasoline	2.95		
A. F. Gingras, Repairs	51.00		
H. Newell & Co., Supplies	64.86		
F. J. Call, Parts & Repairs	1,090.71		
Bruffee Motor Sales, Supplies	26.45		
Perkins Milton, Parts	301.50		
Union Steel Co., Chains	338.88		
Clark Hardware Co., Supplies	6.00		
Frank Hance, Parts	207.88		
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Oil	36.00		
King & Thompson, Supplies	8.67		
Tire Engineering Co., Supplies	29.00		
American LaFrance Corp., Supplies	10.29		
Expended		\$	5,157.16
Unexpended			342.84

### Warning Signs

Town Appropriation		\$	50.00
Lyle Sign Co., Signs	46.59		
Expended		\$	46.59
Unexpended			3.41

### Sander

Special Town Meeting Appropriation		\$	396.90
Eastern Equipment Sales, Inc.	241.00		
Expended		\$	241.00
Unexpended			155.90

### Land Damage

Special Town Meeting Appropriation		\$	450.00
County of Franklin, Oscar Desreuisseau and Ralph and Earle Elwell, land damage	450.00		
Expended		\$	450.00

## Equipping Town Garage

Carried forward 1953	\$	109.78
Unexpended		109.78

## Office Expense

Town Appropriation		\$	400.00
Sawyer News Co., Supplies	6.60		
Leo Tetreault, Postmaster, stamped envelopes	144.38		
Hobbs & Warren, Forms	84.02		
Burdick, printing	6.43		
Burroughs, Supplies	.69		
C. H. Demond, Supplies	56.86		
Shelburne National Bank, Check Books	70.05		
Waste Printing House, Printing	23.36		
Registry of Deeds	2.40		
Commissioner of Public Safety, Book	.70		
King & Thompson, Supplies	1.70		
Expended		\$	397.19
Unexpended			2.81

## Incidentals

Town Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
Special Town Meeting		600.00
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc., Dues	21.00	
Mass. Collectors and Treasurers Assoc., Dues	4.00	
Mass. Assessor's Assoc., Dues	9.00	
Mass. Highway Assoc., Dues	5.00	
Donald Shearer, Selectmen expenses	15.00	
Jeanette Tetreault, Supplies	2.18	
W. & L. E. Gurley, Supplies	7.72	
Registry of Deeds	20.80	
E. A. Hall & Co., Printing	33.00	
E. A. Hall & Co., Town Reports & Ballots	586.65	
Leo G. Tetreault, Postmaster	81.61	
Sawyer News Co., Supplies	6.30	
Greenfield Recorder, Liquor Notices & Bids	13.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Forms	93.26	
Sarah Coombs, Postage	.30	
Leo Tetreault, Work on Common	28.00	
Calvin Call, Selectmen Expenses	6.75	
County of Franklin, expense for land damage	5.00	
Burroughs, Supplies	21.01	
Aubuchon Co., Supplies	2.58	
Town Clerk, Assoc., Dues	7.50	
Hampshire County Sanatorium	17.50	
Dennis King, Labor	4.00	
Tinthyony Hopps, Labor	4.00	
Blassberg's Firestone Store, Supplies	2.39	

Samuel Blassberg, Services	450.00	
Osdin Lynde, Services	8.00	
Frank Apte, Assessors Expenses	1.00	
Robert Goodell, Assessors Expenses	1.00	
Harold Roberts, Assessors Expenses	1.00	
C. H. Demond, Supplies	10.75	
Florence W. Booth, recording vitals	58.00	
Expended	—————	\$ 1,527.30
Unexpended		72.70
<b>Welfare Administration</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	754.00
Shelburne Falls Welfare District	700.00	
Expended	—————	\$ 700.00
Unexpended		54.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	2,000.00
Special Town Meeting		3,000.00
Expended	4,217.84	
Transferred to Soldiers Benefits		
Appropriation	500.00	
Unexpended	—————	\$ 282.16
<b>Federal Grants O.A.A.</b>		
Federal Grants Balance 1-1-54	\$	1,691.16
Federal Grants Receipts 1954		12,467.71
Refunds		72.05
Expended	12,866.52	
Unexpended	—————	\$ 1,364.40
<b>Old Age Assistance</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	19,000.00
Expended	19,000.00	
<b>Aid to Dependent Children</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	3,000.00
Expended	2,718.65	
Unexpended	—————	\$ 281.35
<b>Federal Grants A.D.C.</b>		
Federal Grants Balance 1-1-54	\$	571.45
Federal Grants Receipts 1954		1,548.00
Expended	1,529.45	
Unexpended	—————	\$ 590.00
<b>Disability Assistance</b>		
Balance 1-1-54	\$	122.63
Town Appropriation		250.00
Unexpended		372.63



### Soldiers Benefits

Town Appropriation	\$	5,000.00
Transferred from Welfare Appropriation		500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		500.00
Soldiers Benefit Cases	4,879.90	
Medical & Misc. expenses for cases	892.07	
Expended		5,771.97
Unexpended		228.03

### District Nurse

Town Appropriation	\$	2,600.00
Hazel L. Pickwell	2,400.00	
Marion Stafford, substitute nurse	200.00	
Expended	\$	2,600.00

### Town Officers

Town Appropriation	\$	3,950.00
Florence W. Booth, Town Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector	1,600.00	
Calvin P. Call, Chairman Board of Selectmen	400.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Selectman	300.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Selectman	300.00	
James Cromack, School Committee	100.00	
Raymond E. Nichols, School Committee	100.00	
Louise O'Brien, School Committee	100.00	
Frank S. Apte, Assessor	250.00	
Robert B. Goodell, Assessor	250.00	
Harold L. Roberts, Assessor	250.00	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Assessor's Clerk	200.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Constable	20.00	
Osdin R. Lynde, Constable	20.00	
Howard E. Schontag, Constable	20.00	
Carl V. Sewall, Tree Warden	20.00	
C. Elmer Stacy, Moderator	20.00	
Expended	\$	3,950.00

### Other Town Officers

Town Appropriation	\$	700.00
Charles E. Martin, Inspector of animals & Inspector of Slaughtering	270.00	
Sarah W. Coombs, Auditor	35.00	
Osdin R. Lynde, Dog Officer	40.00	
Carl V. Sewall, Sealer	29.25	
Helen Call, Register	18.75	
Ruth K. Upton, Registrar	18.75	
Edith Richardson, Registrar	18.75	
Florence W. Booth, Registrar & typing	24.50	

Robert Coombs, Election Officer	20.63	
Leta Shearer, Election Officer	20.63	
Jeanette Tetreault, Election Officer	10.50	
Juanita Demarais, Election Officer	10.88	
Theresa Hall, Election Officer	6.00	
Eleanor Scanlon, Election Officer	1.88	
Arlene Nichols, Election Officer	1.88	
Beulah Gammell, Election Officer	1.88	
Sarah Coombs, Election Officer	14.63	
Bertha Roberts, Election Officer	13.88	
Helen Brightman, Election Officer	3.00	
Elaine Fairbanks, Election Officer	8.25	
Frank Apte, Listing Women	30.00	
Robert Goodell, Listing Women	30.00	
Harold Roberts, Listing Women	30.00	
Expend		\$ 659.04
Unexpended		40.96

### Schools

Town Appropriation		\$ 77,975.00
Philip Hallowell, Supt.	\$ 1,875.06	
Raymond Amnott, Teacher	3,905.94	
Gertrude Streeter, Teacher	3,433.36	
Marion Byron, Teacher	3,433.36	
Dorothy Quinn, Teacher	3,166.72	
Muriel Miller, Teacher	3,333.36	
Lyndal Denison, Teacher	3,433.36	
Ruby Root, Teacher	3,433.36	
Alice Streeter, Teacher	2,933.44	
Helen Carpenter, Teacher	2,193.36	
Constance Pollard, Teacher	152.00	
Isabel Sternberg, Teacher	130.74	
Grace Wissman, Teacher	24.00	
Winfred Looney, Teacher	8.00	
Bernice Mayer, Teacher	24.00	
Nellie Hillman, Teacher	18.00	
Marjorie Smead, Teacher	9.00	
Wilma Wollenweber, Teacher	4.50	
Stanley Smithers, Music Teacher	986.80	
John J. Shea, Art Teacher	800.40	

### Transportation

John Bruso, Nancy	71.60
Norman Coburn, Carol	43.60
Reuben Donelson, Martha	31.80
Reuben Donelson, Robert	51.60
Floyd Galbraith, Floyd	72.00
Herbert Gleason, Jacqueline	70.80

Joseph Jurek, Jr., James	33.00
Fred Miller, Shirley	42.40
John Randolph, Belden	71.60
John Randolph, John	63.60
Harold Roberts, Vivian	32.70
Howard Root, Edward	64.00
Edward Schnell, Richard	71.20
R. W. Jurek, Jane	39.60
Herbert Cady, Charles H.	28.00
Norman Coburn, Norman	27.20
Edwin Coombs, Russell	26.40
Charles Farrington, Roger	14.00
Theodore Lively, Donald	23.60
Arthur O'Hara	28.00
<b>Other Payments</b>	
Stanley Smithers, Travel	62.50
John J. Shea, Travel	48.54
Philip Hallowell, Travel	230.02
Myron Fish, Janitor	1,970.48
George Call, Janitor	933.36
Marion Call, Lunch Room	1,900.00
Pearl Rand, Clerk	775.32
Esther Anderson, Clerk Assn't	144.14
Clara Martin, Janitor	57.54
Agnes Purington, Census	40.00
William Rinehart, Supervisor	500.00
Donald G. Shearer, Transportation	11,168.00
Glenn Brown, Transportation	1,048.25
Charles Dumas, Transportation	961.94
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., lights	188.05
Donald Wood, Rent	84.00
Wright & Potter, Printing	2.88
R. W. Hoyt, Supplies	8.51
Norcross Eldridge, Supplies	286.66
Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	896.20
Joseph V. Riel, Repairs	80.05
C. J. Carpenter, Repairs	45.67
C. A. Gregory, Supplies	9.15
Gerald Wall, Fuel	45.11
Philip Hallowell, Petty Cash	24.65
Town of Buckland, Supplies	1.70
March's Pharmacy, Supplies	30.00
American Book Co., Books	65.93
D. C. Health & Co., Supplies	17.96
Central Scientific Co., Supplies	7.63
Cascade Paper Co., Supplies	298.03
Houghton Mifflin, Materials	106.78



J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co., Materials	197.25
Edward Canter, Materials	389.10
American Dental Assoc., book	7.00
American Education Publishers, books	112.00
Ditto Incorp., Supplies	83.06
Springfield Office, Supplies	8.75
Milton Bradley, Supplies	49.67
Ruwe Pencil Co., Supplies	36.66
Gledhill Bros., Inc., Supplies	53.20
National Aviation Council, Supplies	3.31
Shelburne Town Treasurer, Tuition	10,619.67
George Sheldon, Supplies	1,340.90
A. L. Goodrich, Supplies	14.00
Valley Studio, Supplies	22.47
Raymond Amnott, Services	57.80
Harper Gerry, P.M., Stamps	16.05
Marion Call, Supplies	6.00
Lyons & Carnahan, Supplies	17.21
Beckley, Cardy Co., Supplies	19.82
Miller Paper Co., Supplies	5.85
Beaudette & Co., Supplies	50.40
Blassberg's, Supplies	24.00
J. L. Hammett Co., Supplies	567.59
C. S. Hammond Co., Supplies	28.65
Baker Pharmacy, Supplies	6.75
Schack's Electric Shop, Materials	16.96
Weidenmiller & Magovern, Materials	25.15
W. E. Aubuchon, Supplies	56.06
Sears Roebuck, Supplies	23.95
Brulin & Co., Supplies	27.54
F. J. Call, Materials	16.11
M. D. Stetson, Supplies	14.90
Allyn & Bacon, Supplies	12.48
Silver Burdett, Supplies	5.88
Macmillan Co., Supplies	22.16
Follett Publisher Co., Supplies	8.58
World Book Co., Supplies	39.20
Charles Merrill, Materials	21.14
Scott, Foresman & Co., Materials	54.88
Franklin Sanitary Service, Materials	90.00
Byron Brigham, Services	28.68
Rickett's Express, Services	4.00
John H. Olson, Health	150.00
Charles Scribners & Sons, Supplies	31.80
Abelard Schuman Inc., Supplies	1.96
Row Peterson & Co., Supplies	15.53
Ginn & Co., Supplies	714.39

Maino Trading Co., Supplies	93.00	
Richco Product Co., Supplies	17.50	
Science Research Assoc., Materials	16.48	
Kendall Mills, Materials	6.70	
Charles E. Shaw, Materials & Repairs	3.56	
Alton Cromack, Repairs	15.75	
George Starbuck, & Sons, Supplies	1.10	
New England School Development Council, Supplies	32.90	
News Map of Week, Supplies	16.50	
Junior Scholastic, Supplies	20.00	
Benton View Publisher Co., Supplies	11.18	
Leo Trumble, Repairs	116.00	
Standard Electric Time Co., Supplies	25.00	
Frank Cutting, Repairs	13.75	
H. S. Swan & Co., Supplies	4.35	
The School Executive, Supplies	4.00	
Mass. Assn. of School Committee	10.00	
Edward Hutchinson, Supplies	10.77	
F. A. Owen Publisher Co., Supplies	8.49	
Welch Allyn, Supplies	6.14	
Lewis Bailey, Services	42.00	
Tree Lite Mfg. Co., Supplies	.52	
Carl Auruhammer & Son, Supplies	38.95	
C. A. Hawk & Co., Supplies	75.00	
American Electric Supply Co., Supplies	91.29	
Franklin County School Committee, Dues	3.00	
H. L. Waste, Printing	3.33	
C. A. Denison, Materials	16.50	
Town of Greenfield, Tuition	224.00	
California Test Bureau, Supplies	14.64	
Barrett & Baker, Supplies	248.00	
L. H. Mills, Services	116.41	
Franklin Fuel Co., Fuel	4.00	
Greenfield Wallpaper & Paint Co., Supplies	22.85	
King & Thompson, Supplies	24.98	
Expended		\$ 72,721.66
Unexpended		5,253.34

#### Vocational Education

Town Appropriation		\$ 12,600.00
Glenn T. Brown, Richard	\$	70.80
Robert Caswell, Errol		68.00
Robert Caswell, Vernon		70.80
Edward Gadreault, Harold Gagnon		35.20
Herbert Gleason, Forrest		69.20
Floyd Glabraith, David		71.20
Fred Miller, Madeline		67.20

Clarence Paye, David	51.60	
William Ryan, Francis Pike	67.20	
William Purrington, David	53.10	
Harold Roberts, Raymond	51.90	
Harold Roberts, C. Harold	20.40	
Edward Stowe, Richard	69.20	
Daniel Herzig, Christina	30.40	
Clyde Willis, Betty	14.80	
Clifford Cromack, Barbara	28.00	
Wilbert E. Herzig, Sally Ann	28.00	
James C. Kimberley, Raymond	24.40	
Mrs. Adolph Galipo, J. Olivera	27.60	
Roy Terrill, Donald	20.70	
Kenneth Terrill, Janet	25.60	
George Farrington, Roger	14.00	
City of Springfield	2.80	
Town of Shelburne	11,062.48	
Town of Greenfield	48.60	
Expended		\$ 12,093.18
Unexpended		506.82

### Special School Lunch

Carried forward 1954		\$ 463.52
Lunch Room Sales		6,946.44
U.S.D.A. Claims		3,054.78
Natalie Worden	\$ 974.50	
Agnes Purington	644.50	
Helen Call	31.50	
Elizabeth Harmer	468.10	
Megowen Educator Co., Food	103.01	
John Sexton & Co., Supplies	918.65	
H. R. Donelson, Food	142.50	
W. E. Goodell, Food	30.00	
Berkshire Frosted Foods Co., Food	1,452.32	
Greenfield Dairy, Food	2,094.15	
General Baking Co., Food	418.17	
Springfield Sugar & Products Co., Food	661.30	
King & Thompson Market, Food	642.58	
C. W. Ward Inc., Express	46.08	
R. W. Hoyt Co., Supplies	96.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	61.65	
First National Stores, Food	17.76	
Snow's Nice Cream, Food	57.50	
Cascade Paper Co., Supplies	124.55	
Shelburne Falls Freezer Locker, Food	132.32	
Robert Goodell, Food	13.80	
Institutions Magazines, Supplies	4.95	
The Habart Mfg. Co., Supplies	14.00	



Bassett's Poultry Farms, Food	28.98	
B. N. Scott, Food	10.35	
William Call, Food	9.00	
Valley View Farm, Food	4.00	
Refrigerator Service Co., Refrigerator	540.00	
Sweet Life Co., Food	50.76	
Marion Call, Food Supplies	7.50	
Wilson's Inc., Supplies	5.74	
W. E. Aubuchon, Supplies	4.58	
Expended		\$ 9,810.80
Unexpended		653.94

### **Grading and Fencing School Grounds**

Town Appropriation	\$	35.00
Carried Forward		230.68
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck driver	7.50	
James Horrocks, Laborer	4.40	
William Herzig, Laborer	2.20	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., material	59.04	
Expended	\$	73.14
Unexpended		192.54

### **Town Building**

Carried forward from 1953	\$	723.45
Clarence Woffenden, Vault installation	723.45	
Expended	\$	723.45

### **Spray Paint Town Garage and Roof Work**

Town Appropriation	\$	300.00
Archie Worden, Jr., laborer	\$ 15.00	
George Mathys, laborer	48.00	
Boston & Maine Railroad, material	83.83	
Panther Oil and Grease Co., material	142.50	
Expended	\$	289.33
Unexpended		10.67

### **Town Office and Garage Maintenance**

Town Appropriation	\$	1,500.00
Leon Zraunig, Oil	\$ 1,039.21	
Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	132.41	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone	129.30	
Stemison & Son, Insurance	25.58	
Colrain Fire District, Water	3.65	
C. J. Carpenter, Insurance	87.25	
C. J. Carpenter, Repairs	1.65	
Expended	\$	1,419.05
Unexpended		80.95

### Street Lights

Town Appropriation		\$	900.00
Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	\$	847.72	
Expended		<hr/>	847.72
Unexpended			52.28

### Quintus Allen Fund

Balance of 1953		\$	801.02
Received			400.00
Field Enterprise	\$	124.36	
Erien Price, Repairs		50.00	
Expended		<hr/>	174.36
Unexpended			1,026.66

### Monthly Deductions

Shelburne Falls National Bank	\$	7,032.37	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement System		1,628.24	
County of Franklin Retirement System		935.67	
Mass. Hospital Services		460.85	
Washington National Insurance Co.		104.40	
Expended		<hr/>	10,161.53

### Care of Dump

Town Appropriation		\$	425.00
Harold Temple	\$	365.00	
Kenneth Terrill, Truck driver		3.75	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck driver		3.75	
Donald Shearer, Equipment		18.00	
Calvin P. Call, Gravel		7.00	
Expended		<hr/>	397.50
Unexpended			27.50

### Defense

Town Appropriation		\$	250.00
Western Mass. Elec. Co., lights	\$	15.27	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone		78.50	
Jeanette Tetreault, card records		9.50	
Calvin Call, equipment		4.00	
Leon Zraunig, Oil		45.15	
E. S. Kendrick, repairs		5.00	
Betty A. Yeaw, telephone		5.66	
Dexter O'Brien, painting		25.00	
Frank Cutting, supplies		3.64	
Ernest Whyler, labor		6.00	
Expended		<hr/>	197.72
Unexpended			52.28

Dog License			
County Treasurer, licenses	\$	481.40	
County Treasurer, sale of dogs		6.00	
Expended		<hr/>	\$ 487.40

Fire Protection			
Town Appropriation		\$	450.00
Clinton Gray, fire fighting	\$	20.00	
William Ryan, fire fighting		15.00	
Dexter Shearer, fire fighting		28.25	
Edward Horrocks, fire fighting		17.50	
Frank Cutting, fire fighting		19.50	
William Herzig, fire fighting		17.00	
Royal Call, fire fighting		10.00	
Daniel Miner, fire fighting		5.00	
James Horrocks, fire fighting		7.00	
John H. Olson, fire fighting		7.00	
Charles Euber, fire fighting		6.00	
Edward Kelley, fire fighting		2.50	
Lyle Hall, fire fighting		2.50	
Lewis Bailey, fire fighting		2.50	
Robert Bruno, fire fighting		8.00	
Eric Temple, fire fighting		2.00	
Edward Lively, fire fighting		2.00	
Colrain Fire District, Protection of buildings		50.00	
Streeters Filling Station		20.19	
James R. Shea		4.90	
Greenfield Fire Equipment Co.		7.75	
Clinton E. Gray, training course		20.00	
Expended		<hr/>	\$ 274.59
Unexpended			175.41

Fire Pumper			
Town Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			45.67
Tri-State Mutual Aid, memberships	\$	5.00	
Leon Zraunig, Oil		17.10	
C. J. Carpenter, Insurance		290.88	
F. J. Call, Repairs & Parts		107.60	
Greenfield Fire Equip. Co.		9.40	
James R. Shea, Equipment		43.52	
Ormond's Garage, pumper		389.20	
Clinton Gray, permits & telephone extension		27.65	
Harry Lovell Co.		90.00	
Fred Conley, repairs		19.75	
Hobbs & Warren, forms		12.42	



David Deane, fill cylinder	4.04	
C. J. Carpenter, repairs	12.69	
Boston Coupling Co.	16.42	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 1,045.67

#### 1953 Excise Refund

Clifford Cromack	\$ 1.68	
Walter Westlake	16.81	
Herman Herzig	4.20	
Mary J. Littlejohn	3.15	
Jermiah Lynch	4.62	
Smead Hillman	2.94	
Calvin Call	6.30	
Gordon Denison	11.34	
Robin Crosier	22.69	
Raymond Nichols	2.52	
Francis Lively	7.35	
Edward Hoffman	4.03	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 87.63

#### 1954 Excise Refund

Joseph Rubin	\$ 5.19	
Floyd Benson	3.03	
Robert Bruno	1.33	
Aldor Roy	5.78	
W. D. Smith	3.03	
Elizabeth Supprise	20.74	
Morris McCloud	4.54	
Lawrence Shearer	5.78	
Gerald Kendrick	1.89	
Norman Kimberley	3.19	
Norman Kimberley	4.54	
George Tetreault	4.32	
William Gilderdale	7.78	
Lyle Hall	2.59	
John Miner	5.19	
Clinton Gray	7.78	
Fred Sullivan	20.74	
Glenn T. Brown	6.05	
Glenn T. Brown	36.95	
Lucie Ainsworth	3.89	
Howard Gooley, Jr.	4.32	
Rockwell Donelson	1.95	
Robert Goodell	.69	
Herbert Gleason	12.10	
Ruth Rode	1.95	
C. A. Denison	33.28	
Leslie Kelley	5.73	

Harold Brigham	18.15	
Clifford Avery	4.54	
Clifford Avery	39.98	
Albert Tetreault	1.63	
Albert Tetreault	3.24	
Levi Becker	3.46	
Van B. Hopps	3.19	
Carl Pollard	15.13	
Richard Vincent	6.05	
Harold Temple	3.24	
Carl Worden	5.78	
Expended		\$ 318.74

#### Board of Health

Town Appropriation	\$	200.00
Vesta Coombs, Nutritionist	45.00	
Roslyn McIntosh, Hygienist	45.00	
Hampshire County Sanatorium	3.00	
John H. Olson, Clinic	50.00	
Expended		\$ 143.00
Unexpended		57.00

#### Well Child Conference

Town Appropriation	\$	100.00
John H. Olson	\$ 100.00	
Expended		\$ 100.00

#### Agent Board of Health

Town Appropriation	\$	75.00
John H. Olson	\$ 75.00	
Expended		\$ 75.00

#### Dog Bites

Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
Unexpended		50.00

#### Moth Work

Town Appropriation	\$	400.00
William Ryan, power saw	\$ 8.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	273.31	
Carl V. Sewall	45.00	
Expended		\$ 326.31
Unexpended		73.69

#### Dutch Elm Work

Town Appropriation	\$	350.00
Archie Worden, Supt.	\$ 12.00	
Kenneth Tirrell, Truck Driver	35.00	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	35.00	
Leslie Kelley, Labor and equipment	85.75	

Ralph Crosier, laborer	6.00	
Carl V. Sewall, Tree Warden	37.50	
Expended		\$ 211.25
Unexpended		138.75
<b>Workmen's Compensation</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	1,100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		101.19
C. J. Carpenter	\$ 1,201.19	
Expended		\$ 1,201.19
<b>School Loan and Interest</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	13,100.00
Shelburne Falls National Bank,		
principal	\$ 11,550.00	
Shelburne Falls National Bank,		
Interest	1,550.00	
Expended		\$ 13,100.00
<b>Care of Veteran's Graves</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	25.00
American Legion Post, #43 Markers	\$ 25.00	
Expended		\$ 25.00
<b>Memorial Day</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	150.00
American Legion Post, #43 flags	\$ 39.00	
American Legion Post, #43 speaker	25.00	
American Legion Post, #43 rental of equip.	6.00	
Arms Academy Band	75.00	
Expended		\$ 145.00
Unexpended		5.00
<b>Memorial Hall</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	500.00
American Legion Post #43	\$ 500.00	
Expended		\$ 500.00
<b>Library Association</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	800.00
Dog Fund Appropriation		432.96
Florence W. Booth, Treasurer	\$ 1,232.96	
Expended		\$ 1,232.96
<b>Chandler Hill Cemetery</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
Men's Club of Colrain	\$ 50.00	
Expended		\$ 50.00



<b>Christian Hill Cemetery</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	35.00
Men's Club of Colrain	\$	35.00	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	35.00
<b>Branch Cemetery Town Lots</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	50.00
C. J. Barry, Treasurer	\$	50.00	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	50.00
<b>Removal of Trees—Chandler Hill Cemetery</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	50.00
Men's Club of Colrain	\$	50.00	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	50.00
<b>Insurance on School Building</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	150.00
Carolyn O. Thompson	\$	70.78	
C. J. Carpenter		76.87	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	147.65
Unexpended			2.35
<b>Insurance on Town Building</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	60.00
Carolyn O. Thompson	\$	55.06	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	55.06
Unexpended			4.94
<b>Insurance on Town Trucks</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	350.00
C. J. Carpenter	\$	248.07	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	248.07
Unexpended			101.93
<b>Surety Bonds</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			14.50
Stemison & Son, bond	\$	5.00	
George D. Mirick & Son		209.50	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	214.50
<b>Collector's Expense on Tax Titles</b>			
Town Appropriation		\$	25.00
Florence W. Booth, Collector	\$	5.50	
Expended		<u>\$</u>	5.50
Unexpended			19.50

### Colrain History

Balance Carried Forward		\$	1,822.59
B. R. Alexander Co., Insurance	\$	8.50	
Fitz Warehouse Corp., Storage		20.04	
Expendd			28.54
Unexpended			1,794.05

### Miscellaneous Payments

Veterans Center 1954 Assessment	\$	528.00	
County of Franklin; Assessed by			
Retirement System		710.24	
County Treasurer—County Tax		7,316.77	
Commonwealth of Mass., State Parks		324.08	
Commonwealth of Mass., Auditing		584.80	
Wild Cat Bounty		10.00	
Charles Jubb—Refund 1953 Taxes		12.80	
Gerald Kendrick, Refund 1953 Taxes		.96	
Florence W. Booth, Overpayment on Taxes		47.37	
Leon Carpenter, Refund on Pistol Permit		.50	
Arthur Purington, Refund on Pistol Permit		.50	
Kemp & Browning Association Dividends		24.12	
North River Cemetery Association Dividends		4.02	
Ralph Carey, Taxes Assessed		77.41	
Expendd	\$	9,641.57	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			\$ 252,886.08

### Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Assessor's Overlay		\$	2,000.00
Surety Bonds	\$	14.50	
Workmen's Compensation		101.19	
Fire Pumper		45.67	
Soldiers Benefits		500.00	

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN P. CALL, Chairman

DONALD G. SHEARER

GLENN T. BROWN

Board of Selectmen

# Appropriations Recommended by the Finance Committee

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Highway, Chapter #81	\$ 4,250.00
Construction, Chapter #90	2,000.00
Maintenance, Chapter #90	1,500.00
Bridges	4,000.00
Railings	400.00
Street Lights	900.00
Schools	78,465.00
Vocational Education	13,600.00
Public Welfare	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	19,000.00
Disability Assistance	250.00
Soldiers' Benefits	6,000.00
Well Child Conference	100.00
Board of Health	200.00
Agent Board of Health	75.00
School and District and Sub. Nurse	2,600.00
All Other Town Officers	700.00
Incidentals	1,000.00
Town Reports and Ballots	600.00
Office Expense	400.00
Surety Bonds	200.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Library	800.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,100.00
Fire Protection	200.00
Treatment of Dog Bites as required by law	50.00
Care of Public Dump	425.00
Moth Work	400.00
Dutch Elm Work	300.00
Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	50.00
Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Town Lots—Branch Cemetery	50.00
Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Fire Pumper Maintenance and Equipment	2,000.00
Selectmen	1,000.00
Assessors and Assessors' Clerk	950.00



School Committee	300.00
Town Clerk	500.00
Town Treasurer	600.00
Tax Collector	500.00
Constables	90.00
Tree Warden	20.00
Moderator	20.00
Defense	200.00
Winter Roads	5,000.00
Insurance on Trucks and Tractors	350.00
Insurance on Central School	150.00
School Loan and Interest	12,900.00
Machinery	5,000.00
Care of Veterans Graves	25.00
Maintenance of Town Office and Garage	1,500.00
Insurance on Town Building and Gris. School Building	50.00
	<hr/> \$177,480.00

## List of Finance Committee

Clifford W. Avery	Lawrence J. Lively
Lawrence E. Shearer	Robert E. Coombs
Charles E. Martin	Carl V. Sewall
Marshall Fairbanks	Joseph Jurek, Jr.
Robley D. Snively	



## JURY LIST

Lyle H. Hall	Lumber man
Robert E. Coombs	Farmer
Harold K. Brigham	Farmer
Kenneth W. Barnes, Jr.	Textile Worker
Floyd M. Galbraith	Textile Worker
Lawrence D. Harris	Farmer
Howard A. Gooley, Jr.	Store Keeper
Kenneth E. Avery	Farmer
Levi O. Davenport, Jr.	Farmer
George H. Farrington	Farmer
Herman A. Foster	Farmer
Charles E. Martin	Farmer
Lawrence E. Shearer, Jr.	Farmer
Harry C. Herzig	Machinist
Russell C. Denison	Bookkeeper

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## Dog Licenses

### Licenses Issued 1954:

Males, 114 at \$2.00	\$228.00	
Females, 25 at \$5.00	125.00	
Spayed, 65 at \$2.00	130.00	
Kennel License, 4 at \$10.00	40.00	
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		\$523.00
Fees retained, 208 at \$.20	41.60	
Payment to Treasurer	481.40	
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		\$523.00

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH, *Town Clerk.*

## Sporting Licenses

### Licenses Issued 1954:

Resident Citizens' Fishing, 60 at \$3.25	\$195.00	
Resident Citizens' Hunting, 107 at \$3.25	347.75	
Resident Citizens' Sporting, 126 at \$5.25	661.50	
Resident Citizens' <b>Minor Fishing</b> , 21 at \$1.25	26.25	
Resident Citizens' <b>Female Fishing</b> , 30 at \$2.25	67.50	
Resident Citizens' Trapping, 2 at \$7.75	15.50	
Non-Resident Citizens' Special Fishing,		
1 at \$2.75	2.75	
Non-Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing, 1 at \$2.25	2.25	
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing, 2 at \$7.75	15.50	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting, 10 at \$15.25	152.50	
Non-Resident Citizens' Military,		
Sporting, 1 at \$2.00	2.00	
Duplicate License, 4 at \$.50	2.00	
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		\$1,490.50
Payment to Division of Fisheries and Game	1,400.25	
Fees Retained	90.25	
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		\$1,490.50

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH, *Town Clerk.*

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1954

Date	Name of Child	Parents
<b>JANUARY</b>		
10	Richard William Newton	Frank William Newton Marion Louise Guyette
20	Patti Ann Herzig	Roland J. Herzig Patricia Derry
22	Joseph Ralph Hicks	Leslie Ralph Hicks Annie Mildred Gough
24	Lee Ann Tetreault	Alfred T. Tetreault Violet Phelps
27	Elizabeth Anne Wollenweber	Robert Frederick Wollenweber Wilma Lange
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
3	Carol Ann Herzig	Theodore R. Herzig Erna Catherine Francis
8	Connie Lee Kimberley	Rodney Kimberley Ardita Grant
17	James Robert Lynch	Jeremiah Lynch Ruth E. Herzig
24	David Emerson Rheaume	Reginald J. Rheaume Blanche Farnsworth
<b>MARCH</b>		
6	Deborah Faye Caron	Harold Francis Caron Ruth Allen
11	Linda Ann Hillman	Smead A. Hillman Evelyn Spencer
<b>APRIL</b>		
3	Thomas Albert Purington	Herbert George Purington Barbara Ella Page
8	Paul Arthur Giguere	Walter John Giguere Evelyn Hall
9	Dana Leslie Roy	Aldor E. Roy Bernice S. Wood
18	James Harvey Kelleyhouse	Harvey William Kelleyhouse Josephine E. Wabeck
<b>JUNE</b>		
3	Diana Louise Hollister	John G. Hollister Amy M. Irwin
<b>JULY</b>		
6	Joseph Sam Hillman	Alfred Roy Hillman Pauline Carpenter
26	Donna Marie Purington	Walter Allen Purington Lillian Mae Joy

Date	Name of Child	Parents
28	Edward John Goodale	Roy P. Goodale Blanche M. Hand
SEPTEMBER		
3	Robert Dwight Ryan	William H. Ryan Florence M. Pike
6	Bonnie Lou Stanley	Wesley A. Stanley Mable M. Brisette
27	Kevin Paul Giard	Raymond Giard Norma J. Herzig
28	Richard Lewis Brooks	Richard L. Brooks Ruth Fitzgerald
OCTOBER		
9	Mark Robert Hanks	Robert W. Hanks Lottie A. Welenc
24	Richard Paul Russo	Victor P. Russo Carol E. Graziola
29	Steven Neal Kendrick	Gerald E. Kendrick Janice E. Osgood
NOVEMBER		
22	Mark Joseph Slowinski	Edwin A. Slowinski Theresa A. Lively
DECEMBER		
4	James Foster Underwood	Robert E. Underwood Charlotte M. Looman
31	Robert B. Goodell, Jr.	Robert B. Goodell, Sr. Leola M. Smith



### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1954

Date	Contracting Parties	by Whom and Where Married
JANUARY		
31	Aldor E. Roy, Jr. Dolly M. Kelso	Rev. George E. Pomfrey Westfield, Mass.
APRIL		
10	Elliot C. Smith Helen (McGee) Lambson	William J. Cunningham Greenfield, Mass.
10	Richard G. Kingsbury Christina M. Herzig	Rev. John J. Parsons Shelburne, Mass.
MAY		
1	Richard L. Annear Marilyn A. Barry	Rev. James E. Cronin Colrain, Mass.



Date	Contracting Parties	by Whom and Where Married
1	Robert R. Richmond Rita M. Bennett	Rev. James E. Cronin Colrain, Mass.
8	Harold E. Smead, Jr. Arlene M. Streeter	Rev. James E. Cronin Colrain, Mass.
15	Richard J. Cormier Betty A. Herzig	Rev. James E. Cronin Colrain, Mass.

#### JUNE

17	Richard M. Cromack Carolyn B. York	Rev. Anthony J. Jutt Buckland, Mass.
18	Ronald C. Pollard Jean P. Galipault	Rev. Stephen R. Tucker Montague, Mass.
25	Francis Ceylon Willis Mildred Ethel O'Hara	Rev. George K. Carter Greenfield, Mass.

#### JULY

3	Herman Gerald Herzig, Jr. Carol Beatrice Brothers	Rev. Robert Brightman Colrain, Mass.
10	Edward Gadowski Jean V. Herzig	Rev. John J. Parsons Colrain, Mass.

#### AUGUST

21	Robert G. Farrington Shirley B. Miller	Rev. Robert Brightman Colrain, Mass.
22	Daniel W. Miner Shirley A. Swistek	Rev. Thomas E. Pardue Shelburne, Mass.
28	George G. Sullivan, Jr. Donna J. Bailey	Rev. Anthony J. Jutt Colrain, Mass.
28	James R. Schechterle Barbara Joan Kirk	Rev. Robert S. Brightman Colrain, Mass.

#### SEPTEMBER

4	Joseph W. O. Beauchesne Leona D. Brooks	Rev. John J. Parsons Colrain, Mass.
11	Norman P. Garland Norma (Shaw) Benedict	Rev. Robert S. Brightman Colrain, Mass.

#### NOVEMBER

25	Norman F. Kirk Beatrice A. Marrier	Rev. Francis E. Shannon Colrain, Mass.
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#### DECEMBER

16	Norman C. Kimberley Mary E. Hamilton	Rev. Frederic F. Foskay Colrain, Mass.
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## DEATHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1954

Date	Name	Place of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
APRIL					
2	Frank Faulkner	Bennington, Vt.	73	0	0
MAY					
15	Robert Armitage	Greenfield	69	10	4
JUNE					
24	Blanche Cooper	Bennington, Vt.	76	—	—
29	Francis Plant	Colrain	84	9	18
JULY					
25	Helen C. Denison	Colrain	79	0	9
OCTOBER					
15	Herbert Rockwell Donelson	Colrain	80	1	14
23	Oscar R. Fairbanks	Colrain	81	4	3
NOVEMBER					
26	William Andrew Streeter	Colrain	75	10	8
DECEMBER					
5	Albert M. Stetson	Greenfield	70	2	23
16	Eva M. Hall	Greenfield	69	2	3
18	Mabel J. Pitt	Greenfield	81	0	0

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash Balance, January 1, 1954 \$ 88,106.48

## Taxes :

Real Estate, 1951	29.15
Real Estate, 1952	234.27
Polls, 1953	2.00
Personal, 1953	3,428.17
Real Estate, 1953	6,436.24
Motor Vehicles Excise, 1953	1,266.85
Polls, 1954	768.00
Personal, 1954	23,432.92
Real Estate, 1954	67,781.73
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1954	10,504.69
Interest on Taxes	141.91
Tax Titles & Recording Fee	50.53

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Income Taxes	14,493.09
Corporations Tax	11,771.19
Loss of Taxes	331.90
Meal Tax	839.81
Animal Inspections	51.75
School Construction Aid	4,297.40
School Superintendent	1,244.45
Vocational Education	3,804.96
Tuition of Children	415.18
Aid for Highways	30,622.82
Veteran's Services	2,735.94
School Transportation	12,536.35

## U. S. Grants

Aid to dependent Children	1,366.74
Old Age Assistance	12,467.71
Aid to Dependent Children — State	1,548.00

## Old Age Assistance

State	12,496.99
Cities and Towns	602.58
Welfare	242.69
County Aid — Highways	1,500.00
County Dog Fund	432.96
Dog Licenses	481.40
Dog Officer Expense	37.00

Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	7,032.37	
County Retirement System	935.67	
Teacher's Retirement System	1,628.24	
Group Insurance	104.40	
Blue Cross	460.85	
Road Machinery Earnings	3,792.50	
Selectmen's Licenses	1,381.90	
State Peddlers Licenses	24.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	40.10	
Street Lights	428.16	
School Tuition	1,288.59	
Sale of Dog	6.00	
School Lunch Program:		
Local	6,946.44	
State	3,054.78	
Trust Fund Income		
Quintus Allen Fund	400.00	
Merrifield Fund	2,000.00	
Cemeteries — Meeting house	4.02	
Denison	4.02	
East Colrain	20.10	
Browning	4.02	
Tenney	2.01	
O. A. A. Recovery:	1,510.91	
Checks taken from check list	104.88	
Refunds:		
Schools	80.40	
O. A. A. U. S. G.	72.05	
Total Receipts		<u>\$259,733.78</u>
		347,840.26
Total Payments		<u>252,886.08</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1954		\$ 94,954.18

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH, Treasurer.



# Board of Assessors' Report

Town appropriations voted since 1953	
tax rate was fixed	\$212,580.90
Western Franklin Veterans District	528.00
State Parks and Reservations	397.74
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	584.80
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	350.85
County of Franklin Retirement System	710.24
County Tax	8,516.89
Overlay of Current year	4,157.42
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/> \$228,495.40

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$ 14,927.03
Corporation Taxes	12,269.62
Reimbursement on account of Publicly owned	
land	322.69
Old Age Tax (meals), Chapter 64B, S10	669.40
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	10,000.00
Licenses	1,420.00
Fines	10.00
General Government	400.00
Protection of Persons and Property	75.00
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to	
dependent children)	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	12,000.00
Veterans' Services	2,000.00
Schools (Funds from Income Tax not to be	
included)	18,700.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	100.00
State Assistance for School Construction	
Chapter 645	4,297.40
Voted from Reserve Fund	47,583.40
Total estimated Receipts and Available	
funds	<hr/> \$126,774.54

## RECAPITULATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	\$222,911.00
Machinery	30,715.00
Live Stock	122,229.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	25,710.00
Total Value of Assessed Personal	
Estate	<hr/> \$401,565.00

## REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$325,370.00
Buildings exclusive of Land	842,110.00
Total Real Estate	<hr/> \$1,172,480.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate	\$1,573,045.00

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

No. of Horses Assessed	89
No. of Cows Assessed	871
Other meat cattle Assessed	37
Neat cattle Assessed; (one year old or over)	308
Swine (6 months old, or over)	14
Sheep (6 months old, or over)	37
Fowl	25,645
All other	51
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	25,525.7/8
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	389

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Date	Commitment		Commissioners	
	No.	Cars Taxed	Value	Tax
May 4, 1954	1	60	19,500.00	\$ 987.92
June 1, 1954	2	33	8,460.00	394.66
July 21, 1954	3	130	39,130.00	1,798.39
Sept. 7, 1954	4	270	91,010.00	4,458.01
Oct. 5, 1954	5	145	56,460.00	2,468.16
Nov. 3, 1954	6	97	30,220.00	1,028.50
Dec. 7, 1954	7	32	9,140.00	386.64
		<hr/> 767	<hr/> 253,920.00	<hr/> \$11,522.28

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS

	<i>Personal Real Estate</i>	
Aiken, Robert & Velma	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,250.00
Ainsworth, Charles & Lucie		250.00
Ament, Francis & Constance		2,500.00
Amidon, Aubrey, Jr.		100.00
Anderson, Edith		1,125.00
Andrews, Lucy		2,300.00
Apte, Effie M.	33.00	1,575.00
Apte, Frank S.	2,080.00	1,540.00
Avery, Clifford W.	12,520.00	22,620.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Ayer, Harold & June		2,275.00
Bagdon, John	450.00	1,350.00
Bailey, Lewis & Margaret	50.00	3,850.00
Ballard, George	100.00	1,070.00
Barnes, Kenneth W.	2,230.00	7,010.00
Barnes, Kenneth, Jr.		2,300.00
Beckley, Lawrence	100.00	940.00
Belden, Luther & Mary Ladd		1,325.00
Bellows, Hattie		200.00
Bennett, Lawrence & Ella		1,275.00
Bennett, LeRoy & Augusta		1,400.00
Benson, Floyd		1,500.00
Bergeron, Omar	100.00	700.00
Betts, Symonds	100.00	2,625.00
Bickford, Gladys & Christine Jubb		1,550.00
Billiel, Florence & Ida		1,000.00
Billiel, Lawrence & Catherine		625.00
Billiel, Leo & Freda		1,180.00
Bolduc, Arthur P.		4,435.00
Bolduc, Mary		350.00
Booth, Milton & Florence	1,225.00	3,100.00
Booth, Merritt & Edith	100.00	1,250.00
Bowen, Merritt & Ruth		2,500.00
Boyd, James W.	422.00	1,985.00
Brigham, Byron & Mildred	1,825.00	5,730.00
Brigham, Harold	325.00	
Brigham, Warren & Margaret		1,950.00
Brooks, Dayton & Dorothy	250.00	1,280.00
Brown, George	1,275.00	
Brown, Glenn T.	3,545.00	6,175.00
Brown, Gordon		250.00
Brown, Walter & Bertha	2,923.00	2,945.00
Bruso, John & Dorothy	100.00	1,800.00
Burnett, Robert I.	1,170.00	800.00
Cady, Herbert & Alice	225.00	2,150.00
Call, Bertell & Lulu		2,750.00
Call, Calvin P.	85.00	4,575.00
Call, Eva		1,375.00
Call, Frederick & Helen	1,800.00	4,280.00
Call, George & Gladys		1,940.00
Call, William B. & Lucy	325.00	2,490.00
Carey, Ralph		300.00
Carl, Sidney		300.00
Carpenter, C. J. & Julia	600.00	3,560.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Carpenter, Leon C.		700.00
Carpenter, Lottie		1,185.00
Carpenter, Wilfred		100.00
Cary, W. W. & Son, Inc.		7,900.00
Caswell, Robert & Althea	1,955.00	3,600.00
Catamount Sportsman's Club		400.00
Cerrato, Felix	100.00	1,625.00
Chadwick, Fred E.		50.00
Coburn, Karoline		1,225.00
Coburn, Henry & Cora		690.00
Coburn, Medos		925.00
Coburn, Noah H.		3,000.00
Coburn, Norman P.	2,475.00	4,750.00
Coburn, Raymond & Doris		1,350.00
Cocco, Leo	200.00	900.00
Cole, Laura		1,950.00
Colrain Inn, Inc.		10,900.00
Cook, Burton	508.00	3,430.00
Cooke, Gertrude		250.00
Coombs Bros.	2,233.00	8,620.00
Coombs, Edwin		3,190.00
Coutu, Joseph & Emma		2,100.00
Cram, Stephen		125.00
Cromack, James & Kathleen	3,785.00	800.00
Cromack, Marshall & Yvonne	1,300.00	2,625.00
Cromack, Sidney A.		5,880.00
Crosier, Ralph	200.00	795.00
Crosier, Robin E. & Sons	1,975.00	2,225.00
Davenport, Belle		125.00
Davenport, Carlton P.		200.00
Davenport, Grace A.		125.00
Davenport, Levi O.	175.00	2,000.00
Davenport, Thomas H.		100.00
Demarais, Henry & Juanita		1,280.00
Denison, Carroll A.	9,430.00	9,460.00
Denison, Robert & Lyndal		750.00
Dennison, Leon & Lula		1,750.00
Desreuisseau, Oscar & Marcia		1,100.00
Dewey, Frank & Hilda		1,185.00
Dillon, Clarence & Christine	18.00	1,300.00
Dobias, Austine	500.00	
Dobias, Edward		215.00
Dobias, Edmond	50.00	
Dobias, John	640.00	1,595.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Donelson, Grace		2,650.00
Donelson, Reuben H.		1,875.00
Donelson, Rockwell E.		1,500.00
Donelson, Rockwell & Reuben		14,825.00
Donelson, H. R. & Sons	7,500.00	
Dumas, Charles & Yvonne	990.00	6,500.00
Dunnell Bros.		500.00
Dunnell, Dean & Marion	725.00	2,700.00
Dunton, Sewell	300.00	1,320.00
Duprey, Marshall & Martha	275.00	1,650.00
Dwight, Edgar		375.00
East Colrain Cemetery Assoc.		500.00
Eberlein, Charles, Jr.		650.00
Edwards, Ida		325.00
Elwell, Ethel		550.00
Elwell, Ralph & Geneva	2,525.00	4,260.00
Erickson, Niles & Elda	100.00	4,255.00
Fairbanks, George & Cora		100.00
Fairbanks, Lester & Flora		1,250.00
Fairbanks, Marshall & Elaine	3,520.00	9,430.00
Farr, Eunice P.		125.00
Farrington, George & Jennie	600.00	1,975.00
Faulkner, Lyman		1,125.00
Fay, Ian & Collin M.		125.00
Finck, Christian H.		3,760.00
Finck, George J.	471.00	
Fish, Arthur L.	960.00	3,145.00
Fish, Myron	95.00	
Foddy, Harold & Jane	100.00	3,215.00
Foster, George H.		3,935.00
Foster, Herman	1,700.00	
Gadreault, Edward & Octavia	925.00	1,750.00
Gadreault, Edward, Jr.	500.00	365.00
Galbraith, Floyd & Marjorie		2,000.00
Galipault, Albert & Dorothy		1,315.00
Galipault, William		1,340.00
Galvin, Donald & Velma		1,685.00
Galvin, John	100.00	1,650.00
Galvin, Ned	220.00	1,700.00
Gammell, Phillip & Alice		1,685.00
Garland, Ellsworth & Mary		900.00
Garris, Charlotte A.		920.00
Gibbas, Alexander A.		2,625.00
Gilbert, Lawrence & Alice	23.00	1,250.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Gilderdale, Burton		1,880.00
Gilderdale, Frederick & Henrietta	1,275.00	3,435.00
Gilderdale, William & Ruth	415.00	1,820.00
Gleason, Herbert & Dorothy		750.00
Goodell, Elva & Robert		4,275.00
Goodell, Robert	1,995.00	
Goodell, William	830.00	2,200.00
Gooley, Howard & Elinor	400.00	2,200.00
Graham, William E.		375.00
Graves, Ira		500.00
Gray, Clinton & Madeline	25.00	1,450.00
Greason, Barbara		1,525.00
Green River Club	300.00	4,375.00
Gretchel, John & Arlene		2,065.00
Guy, William & Emma		1,625.00
Guyette, Herbert		875.00
Hager, Alice		3,995.00
Hager Bros.	3,940.00	8,655.00
Hagglund, Erik		2,600.00
Hale, Ernest		1,525.00
Halifax Electric Co.	1,813.00	
Hall, Amy		1,565.00
Hall, Fred & Eva	25.00	2,375.00
Hall, Gerald		1,500.00
Hall, Lyle	1,725.00	2,480.00
Halligan, George		125.00
Hamilton, David & Sylvia	206.00	1,050.00
Harmer, Chester & Elizabeth		1,950.00
Harold, Earl		2,300.00
Harris & Dustin		150.00
Harris, George		375.00
Harris, Lawrence D.	453.00	4,020.00
Hart, Howard	1,150.00	6,400.00
Haskell, Willard		100.00
Healy, Allen	100.00	1,200.00
Healy, Winston	150.00	700.00
Hebard, Emory & Maude	1,200.00	1,300.00
Henderson, James	100.00	625.00
Herzig, Amos & Loretta		500.00
Herzig, Beatrice		2,785.00
Herzig, Charles & Herman		1,250.00
Herzig, Clinton & Mersina		1,250.00
Herzig, Donald R.	275.00	850.00
Herzig, Donald W. & Thelma	199.00	1,610.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Herzig, George & Blanche		2,035.00
Herzig, Harold & Gladys	1,050.00	1,950.00
Herzig, Harry & Gertrude	169.00	1,300.00
Herzig, Leon & Dora	250.00	3,400.00
Herzig, Leonard & Nellie	25.00	925.00
Herzig, Theodore & Erna	25.00	2,225.00
Herzig, Walter L.	100.00	1,625.00
Herzig, Wilbert	1,125.00	
Hicks, Leslie & Mildred		750.00
Hillman, A. Deane	410.00	530.00
Hillman, Alfred R.	640.00	
Hillman, Alfred W.	1,043.00	4,070.00
Hillman, Donald & Ruby		900.00
Hillman, Wayne & Nellie	25.00	1,790.00
Hoffer, Horace		850.00
Hoffman, Edward	200.00	3,345.00
Holman, Albert	25.00	765.00
Hollister, John & Amy	27.00	1,150.00
Holmes, Charles & Alta		1,700.00
Hopps, Van Buren		550.00
Hull, Robert J.	100.00	2,810.00
Hume, Alfred & Elizabeth		700.00
Hunter, John D.	100.00	925.00
Johnson, Carl G., Sr.	19.00	1,500.00
Johnson, Lawrence & Louise	100.00	4,000.00
Johnson, Marshall & Rebecca		125.00
Jones, David & Anna		800.00
Jones, Walter N.		1,865.00
Joy, Edwin & Ethel		695.00
Joy, Ernest W.	985.00	3,220.00
Jurek, Joseph, Jr.	2,830.00	6,170.00
Jurek, Joseph, Sr.	75.00	3,125.00
Jurek, Rudolph W.		1,050.00
Kelley, Leslie E.	200.00	1,925.00
Kellyhouse, Harvey & Josephine	166.00	3,335.00
Kemp, Earl & Emma	50.00	900.00
Kemp, Ellsworth	25.00	
Kemp, Raymond		1,700.00
Kendall Mills		307,660.00
Kendrick, Floyd	70.00	1,775.00
Kendrick, Gerald		350.00
Kimberley, James & Teresa	875.00	1,930.00
Kimberley, Rodney	50.00	
King, Joseph & Helen		1,150.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
King & Thompson	4,950.00	3,400.00
King, Merritt & Annie		1,550.00
Kinsman, Francis		440.00
Kirk, Joseph & Mildred		1,000.00
Koch, Joseph	100.00	785.00
Kohler, Flora	100.00	1,900.00
Kramer, Jack	200.00	3,475.00
Lamorie, Lawrence & Una		2,025.00
Leary, Arthur		500.00
Lively, Alphonse		625.00
Lively, Edward & Alice		1,100.00
Lively & Galipo		2,960.00
Lively, Lawrence	2,590.00	8,650.00
Lively, LeRoy		455.00
Lively, Oscar		1,400.00
Lively, Robert & Sarah	525.00	2,800.00
Lively, Roderick		945.00
Lively, Wilfred	3,510.00	4,650.00
Little, Frederick & Myra	247.00	1,050.00
Littlejohn, Mary		1,250.00
Looman, Elinor		2,560.00
Looman, Foster & Josephine	98.00	2,375.00
Looman, Leo & Jennie	275.00	1,500.00
Looman, Marshall	300.00	
Looman, Martha		2,750.00
Looman, Patrick		225.00
Lord, William & Elvada		850.00
Lowell, Earl & Beatrice		100.00
Lusty, Charles		2,500.00
Lynch, Jeremiah		2,200.00
Lynde, Harold & Nancy		500.00
Lynde, Osdin & Edith	2,257.00	3,520.00
Maloney, Joseph & Annie		825.00
Mann, T. S.		1,500.00
Martin, Charles	1,148.00	3,300.00
Maxam, Sarah		1,440.00
Mayberry, George & Mary		1,250.00
Mayer, Charles & Bernice	270.00	4,700.00
Mayham, Donald	100.00	600.00
McCloud, Fannie		3,185.00
McCloud, Kenneth	125.00	
McDonald, Gertrude	100.00	650.00
McGee, Alice		1,795.00
McLeod, Earl & Ola	100.00	5,600.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Meegan, Francis	100.00	2,965.00
Meliones, Costas		100.00
Menard, Napoleon & Clara		585.00
Miller, Alcid & Ilene	18.00	1,205.00
Miller, Edward & Yvonne		1,075.00
Miller, Emory & Mary		685.00
Miller, Fred & Priscilla	50.00	1,125.00
Miller, Hendrick & Muriel		1,450.00
Miller, Leo		625.00
Miller, Raymond & Ellen		850.00
Miller, Wilfred, Jr.		1,000.00
Mitchell, Louise		1,125.00
Mockler, Hubert & Ora		1,500.00
Moe, Archibald	25.00	2,500.00
Mulville, Edward		310.00
Munson, Claude & Evelyn		875.00
Myers, George & Harold	295.00	
New England Power Co.	111,188.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	5,800.00	1,250.00
Newton, William & Karen		3,685.00
Nichols, Ethel		6,160.00
Nichols, Raymond & Ina		2,340.00
Noyes, Kenneth	100.00	125.00
Noyes, Thaddeus & Vera		1,475.00
O'Brien, Clarence & Louise	75.00	1,970.00
O'Brien, James		500.00
O'Brien, Mary		2,435.00
O'Brien, Mary & Anna		1,300.00
O'Connell, Bertha	100.00	550.00
O'Hara, Arthur & Olive	775.00	2,805.00
Olson, John H.	750.00	5,325.00
Osgood, Lillian		1,870.00
Page, Merton		1,050.00
Parron, Gladys		100.00
Patch, Dan	50.00	175.00
Paye, Clarence & Esther	4,385.00	6,255.00
Peck Lumber Co.		875.00
Pelletier, Ovila & Emma	180.00	2,120.00
Pennegar, Evelyn	100.00	1,250.00
Pereault, Donat & Janet		125.00
Peters, Herbert & Mary		1,250.00
Peters, Francis & Minnie	27.00	1,280.00
Peterson, Lucie		200.00
Peterson, Ralph & Edna		375.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Peterson, Rolla	150.00	2,250.00
Petrie, Joseph & Adolph	100.00	750.00
Phillips, Linwood & Marjorie		875.00
Phillips, Sidney & Elizabeth		1,500.00
Pickett, Suviers		450.00
Pierce, Wayne		375.00
Pitt, John		2,700.00
Plant, Francis & Melinda		2,320.00
Plant, Oliver		950.00
Platner, William & Ethel		1,125.00
Pollard, Carl & Rosella	275.00	2,425.00
Porter, George & Florence		1,055.00
Provencio, Harley		25.00
Purington, Charles & Madeline		1,865.00
Purington, Edward & Evelyn	1,970.00	3,600.00
Purington, George & Herbert		5,220.00
Purington, Herbert	2,575.00	
Purinton, Albert		375.00
Purinton, Robert & Beverly		700.00
Purrington, Gordon		100.00
Purrington, Ralph & Stella		2,075.00
Purrington, Roger & Anna	575.00	4,100.00
Purrington, William & Alice	2,492.00	5,700.00
Randolph, Jean		1,070.00
Randolph, John	50.00	
Reed, Alice & Jennie		200.00
Reed, George		2,300.00
Reed, Louisa E.	100.00	1,050.00
Refrigerator Service Co.	100.00	
Rheaume, Reginald	500.00	
Richardson, Edna		800.00
Richmond, Albert		345.00
Roberts, Harold & Bertha	2,358.00	5,660.00
Rogers, Calvin, Sr.		1,275.00
Root, Howard	675.00	4,400.00
Root, Worth	1,175.00	5,220.00
Rosenburg, Raymond		1,200.00
Rubin, Joseph	2,180.00	3,505.00
Russell, Philip & Ursula	100.00	2,440.00
Ryan, Alexander & Cynthia	1,875.00	2,350.00
Ryan, Harold & Mary	100.00	1,825.00
Ryan, Louise & William	1,738.00	3,940.00
Sandri, Accillo		870.00
Saunders, Herbert & Gertrude		1,500.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Sawicks, Mary		1,920.00
Scanlon, Eleanor M.		1,500.00
Schechterle, Sarah		1,875.00
Schneider, Walter	523.00	2,800.00
Schnell, Edward & Ruth	150.00	1,750.00
Schontag, Howard		2,400.00
Scott, Byron & Edith		2,625.00
Scott, Ronald	1,130.00	1,075.00
Scott, Rose Marie		675.00
Sega, Attilo		900.00
Sessler, Fred		2,150.00
Sewall, Carl V.		850.00
Shaw, Robert	70.00	
Shearer, Donald & Leta	2,600.00	3,600.00
Shearer, Lawrence & Marjorie	2,000.00	6,520.00
Shelburne Falls Fire District		2,395.00
Sheridan, Patrick & Shirley		800.00
Slawson, Harry B.		480.00
Smalley, William J.		300.00
Smith, Elliott C.	2,425.00	
Smith, Lyman		450.00
Smith, Wayne		2,750.00
Smith, William & Daisy		2,060.00
Smith, Willis & Margaret		1,375.00
Snively, Robley & Mary	1,630.00	5,500.00
Stacy, Elmer	1,120.00	
Stacy, Helen B.		50.00
Stacy, Mary		2,350.00
Stacy, William		1,200.00
Stanforth, Lila		2,700.00
Stanley, Wesley	125.00	
Stetson Bros.	795.00	4,975.00
Stone, Solon	200.00	1,750.00
Stowe, Edward & Hazel	1,989.00	3,665.00
Streeter, Albert & Josephine		1,150.00
Streeter, Arthur		900.00
Streeter, Foster	1,625.00	2,100.00
Streeter, Ralph	4,250.00	
Streeter, Ralph & Gertrude		2,050.00
Streeter, William		1,175.00
Sullivan, Francis	100.00	900.00
Sullivan, Frederick & Lillian		3,135.00
Sunrise Farms	4,305.00	5,815.00
Swayger, John		1,500.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Swain, Donald	100.00	650.00
Sykes, Robert	470.00	3,150.00
Tarvin, James & Lena		315.00
Taylor, John & Margaret	5,680.00	5,460.00
Temple, Earl & Dorothy	3,775.00	7,430.00
Temple, Harold & Daisy	720.00	3,320.00
Temple, Roscoe & Antis		2,780.00
Terrill, Kenneth & Gladys	1,000.00	3,020.00
Terrill, Merton		1,550.00
Terrill, Roy & Catherine		1,300.00
Terrill, William		875.00
Terrill, William & Merton	950.00	
Tetreault, Leo & Jeanette		2,310.00
Thayer, Paul		560.00
Thibodeau, Herbert & Mary	725.00	2,950.00
Thompson, Carolyn O.		2,500.00
Thompson, Florence & Herbert	1,675.00	3,155.00
Thompson, Mabel & John		2,345.00
Tirrell, Eliza & Russell		800.00
Tolman, Mayo		185.00
Tribe, Reginald	100.00	325.00
Tribe, Thomas		400.00
Trumble, Leo	100.00	875.00
Truesdell, Carroll & Dorothy	413.00	3,450.00
Underwood, Arthur	75.00	1,250.00
Underwood, Robert	100.00	
Upright, Charles	675.00	
Upton, Walter		1,000.00
Van Nuys, Ida	100.00	1,875.00
Vight, Lloyd	500.00	
Ware, Eben		625.00
Ware, Preston & Sarah		1,100.00
Weber, Clarence & Helen		2,230.00
Wells, Fred		1,250.00
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	86,000.00	250.00
White, Thomas	515.00	3,975.00
Wilder, Perry		765.00
Willis, Clyde & Katherine		1,750.00
Wilson, Henry & Mary	1,000.00	1,900.00
Winn, Clarence & Viola	100.00	2,300.00
Wood, Ernest C.		2,060.00
Wood, Ronald		100.00
Wood, Wayne E.	23.00	2,840.00
Worden, Archie & Winnie		1,050.00
Worden, Carl & Harriett		1,025.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
Yeaw, Frank	2,315.00	8,700.00
York, Lois		1,910.00
York, S. LeRoy & Erna		2,275.00
Zraunig, Leon	100.00	2,050.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK S. APTE, Chairman

ROBERT B. GOODELL

HAROLD L. ROBERTS, Clerk of Board.



## Tax Collector's Report

1953 Personal, Uncollected		\$ 209.12
1953 Real Estate, Uncollected		604.07
1954 Poll Taxes		
Commitment per warrant	\$ 982.00	
Abatements	\$ 212.00	
Payment to Treasurer	768.00	
1954 Polls Uncollected		2.00
1954 Real Estate		
Commitment per warrant	75,173.12	
Abatements	816.96	
Add to Tax Titles	8.00	
Payments to Treasurer	67,781.73	
1954 Real Estate Uncollected		6,566.43
1954 Personal		
Commitment per warrant	25,874.16	
Abatements	6.40	
Payments to Treasurer	23,432.92	
1954 Personal Uncollected		2,434.84
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Commitment per warrant	11,999.48	
Abatements	601.40	
Payment to Treasurer	10,504.69	
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise Uncollected		893.39

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH,

Tax Collector.

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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We have continued our regular drills during the past summer. A ten weeks course in fire fighting was given the firemen under the instruction of Capt. Leslie Ackerman of the Greenfield Fire Department.

A 10 weeks course in First Aid was held late this fall with Chief Roy Turton and Mrs. Ware of Shelburne Falls as instructors. This course was taken by the Firemen's Auxiliary as well as the firemen.

There were 21 calls to the Fire Department this past year. This is identical to the number of calls in 1953. However, this year all the fires were in Colrain while last year four of the calls were out of town. The Stacy Fire was the only serious fire last year.

Hose racks were installed in the Fire Station to store hose. A small high pressure portable pump was purchased to give better fire protection in outlying districts where there is a lack of water.

This new portable can be taken right into a building and water can be pumped from bath tubs or pails. This is not a volume pump but a means of trying to stop a fire or hold it until our larger pump is able to get to the fire.

Our other equipment remains the same as last year except that it is one year older.

This next year we face the problem of dial telephones making it necessary to arrange for other methods in calling the Fire Department in case of fire.

We have been informed that Colrain is to go on dial phones June 8; therefore, a network of four fire phones will be installed. I shall explain these at town meeting as well as procedure to use in calling the firemen. Naturally, this constitutes an added expense in the Fire Department Budget.

The firemen last year received pay only for fighting the Stacy Fire. All other calls were handled as a public service.

I feel that the firemen have done a fine job in the past year with the limited equipment they have to work with. We would still like to see more men in the Fire Service as well as women in the auxiliary.

Yours for better fire protection,

CLINTON GRAY,

Fire Chief.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Under the auspices of the Board of Health, which has continued to function in its usual manner, the annual clinic was held and the children attending were given immunizing doses of toxoid for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The cooperation on the part of the parents continues to be gratifying as manifested by their attendance to this clinic. It is this type of cooperation that will help keep our children from becoming victims of these diseases, and will also help to keep our town at the top of the list in this county, as far as the percentage of immunized children is concerned.

During the year there has been a variable number of communicable diseases reported, including mumps, measles, chicken pox, scarlet fever. We hope the residents of the town will continue to report the contagious diseases in their homes. This type of cooperation is very helpful to the Board.

The pre-school children's Health Conference was conducted as usual and at this time we hereby extend our thanks to the members of the Parent Teachers' Association who were so helpful in conducting this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OLSON, M. D.,

Agent, Board of Health.



## DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

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Balance on hand—January 1, 1954 \$332.40

Receipts:

Fees collected by nurse	\$622.10
Fees paid by Colrain O.A.A.	202.90
Interest on Bonds	16.25
2 Bonds Cashed (matured)	200.00

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Total receipts	\$1,041.25
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Total cash	\$1,373.65
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Disbursements:

Telephone	\$ 18.00
Garage	24.00
Upkeep of Car	248.19
Insurance and Registration	119.54
New Car and Equipment	716.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	24.28

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Total disbursements	\$1,150.01
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Total cash on hand	\$ 223.64
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Invested in War Bonds, Series G	500.00
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Total assets, Dec. 31, 1954	\$723.64
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Respectfully submitted,

EDITH F. LYNDE, *Treasurer*



## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NURSE

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The Colrain District Nursing Association has a contract with the Veterans Administration to provide nursing service to eligible veterans.

An agreement is in affect, beginning October 1, 1954, with Blue Cross-Blue Shield, for nursing service to eligible members enrolled under Blue Cross-Blue Shield Prolonged Illness Certificate.

The Association continues to have standard codliver oil capsules, which are available to all families. These may be obtained from the district nurse.

The Diabetic Detection Week was observed with other County towns, November 14 through 20. Four testing stations were available. A great deal of cooperation was given by the workers and the public by testing approximately one third of Colrain's population.

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Visits</i>
Non-communicable disease	39	1166
Crippled Children Service	6	26
Maternity Service		
Antepartum	2	2
Home deliveries	2	
Post partum	7	14



Infant and Preschool Health Service		
Newborn infants	9	17
Infants—one month to one year old	4	14
Preschool	20	34
School Health Service	37	92
Adult Health Service	15	26
Unclassified Nursing Visits		
Cases not at home		22
Cases not taken under care		41
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Total	141	1456
Other Services		
Minor Operations		10
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus Immuniza- tion Clinic, Number of children attended		81
Well Child Conference, Number of children at- tended		115
Diabetic Detection Tests, Number of urine sugar tests		519
Clinic Service and Transportation		<i>Trips</i>
Children home from school		3
Children to school		2
Chest Clinic—Greenfield		1
Franklin County Public Hospital		3
Crippled Children's Clinic—Greenfield		3
Crippled Children's Treatment Center—Shelburne Falls		6
Crippled Children's Service—Springfield		2
Crippled Children's Service—Greenfield high school		1
Dentist—Shelburne Falls		1
Doctor's Office—Colrain		3
Greenfield Health Camp		2

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

# Central Franklin Welfare District

Balance Jan. 2, 1954 \$ 2,706.43

## Receipts :

Town of Shelburne	\$ 1,200.00
Town of Colrain	700.00
Town of Ashfield	500.00
Adm. OAA, US Grants	2,492.62
Adm. ADC, US Grants	437.93
Adm. Disability Ass't US Grants	248.79
Adm. State	2,220.93
Retirement Deductions	296.76
Withholding Tax Deductions	826.00
Blue Cross Deductions	39.60

Total Receipts 8,962.63

TOTAL \$ 11,669.06

## Payments :

Arline V. Winchester, Agent	\$ 3,664.57
Luella T. McCloud, Clerk	2,268.66
Joseph R. Amstein, Treasurer	100.00
Travel Expense	121.45
Rent	204.00
Retirement Assessment	310.56
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Office Supplies & Expense	645.03
Retirement Deductions	296.76
Withholding Tax Deductions	826.00
Blue Cross Deductions	39.60

Total Payments 8,486.63

Balance Dec. 31, 1954 \$ 3,182.43

## Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Bank balance Dec. 31, 1954	3,494.63
Checks Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	312.20
Check Book Balance Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 3,182.43

JOSEPH R. AMSTEIN, Treas.

# REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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To the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library:

Herewith is submitted the report of the Librarian for the year ending December 31, 1954.

During the year we have added 215 new books to the Library, 98 adult fiction, 51 non-fiction, 12 reference, 35 juvenile fiction, 19 non-fiction, of this total number 10 being gifts. We have discarded 169 books.

Library circulation was 5,067, adult 2,803, juvenile 2,264. The Bookmobile has made the regular scheduled trips to town, leaving books at Library, school and private homes, with a circulation of 4,281, adult 2,213, juvenile 2,068, making a total circulation of 9,348.

A total of 125 Five-book and 13 Honor Reading Certificates have been awarded as follows. Grade IV, 18 Five-book and 3 Honor, Grade V, 26 Five-book, Grade VI, 64 Five-book and 10 Honor, Grade VIII, 17 Five-book.

Magazine subscriptions have been renewed and "Better Homes and Gardens" has been added to the list for next year. All magazines, with the exception of the current issues, are circulated the same as books.

The Book Committee has met each month giving careful consideration to the purchase of new books. Mr. de Grasse and Miss Vannah of the Regional Library Center were present at one of the meetings for an evening of consultation with the Committee.

We are grateful to the Trustees for the purchase of material for a Bulletin Board and to Mr. Robert Snively for its excellent construction.

The genealogical files of the late Mr. Frank Stetson of Pittsfield have been carefully put in order by Mrs. Nellie Bolton and are accessible at the Library to anyone interested in family research.

During Education Week the second grade of Central School, accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Miller, visited the Library, and, as it was an initial visit for some, was quite eventful.

In the spring Miss Vannah of the Regional Library Center had a story telling hour for the first four grades and in November and December gave Book Reviews for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades and told stories to the first four grades.

It is gratifying that, through the interest of the Trustees, the project of new lighting for the Library is already under way.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. READ,  
Librarian

# Griswold Memorial Library Report

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## Balance January 1, 1954:

General	\$	706.29
Maintenance		12.50

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\$ 718.79

## Receipts

General Fund	\$	315.50
Maintenance Fund		25.00
Town Appropriation		800.00
County Dog Fund		432.96
Sale of Books		11.76
Gifts		15.00
Library Fines		15.37

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\$ 1,615.59

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\$ 2,334.38

## Expenditures 1954:

General	\$	1,439.47
Transfer to Maintenance Fund		12.50

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\$ 1,451.97

## Balance December 31, 1954:

General	\$	857.41
Maintenance		25.00

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\$ 882.41

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\$ 2,334.38

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH, Treasurer.



# ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUNDS

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1	Heath Road	1,532.61
2	Heath Road Branch	0.00
3	Thibodeau Road	131.44
4	Charles Maxam Road	403.33
5	Cross Road	0.00
5½	Dwight Cross Road	141.37
6	Wilson Hill Road	2,107.61
7	Wilson Hill Branch Road	14.60
8	Nelson Purrington Road	14.60
9	Calvin Coombs Road	1,242.30
10	Adams Place Road	46.29
11	Thompson Road	3,592.70
12	Stranahan Road	0.00
13	A. W. Hillman Road	339.95
14	E. W. Clark Road	512.49
15	Christian Hill Road & Branches	525.53
16	Stetson Bros. Road	116.20
17	Adamsville Road	1,604.64
18	Crosier Road	0.00
19	White & Archambo Road	325.10
20	Leon Herzig Road	53.80
21	Lively Road	0.00
22	Catamount Hill Road No. 1	852.76
23	Catamount Hill Road No. 2	192.35
24	Catamount Hill Branch Road	0.00
25	Charlemont Road	135.92
26	Stacey Road and Branches	279.39
27	Cross Road	0.00
28	Call Road	490.24
29	Main Road	76.35
30	Lyonsville Road	38.40
31	Foundry Village Road	1,372.60
32	York Road	436.41
33	Fairbanks Road	272.00
34	Franklin Hill Road	502.01
35	Jacksonville Road	207.61
36	Green River Road	1,188.41
37	Barber Hill Road	20.60

38	Halifax Road	391.53
39	Halifax Road — Branch Road	0.00
40	New County Road	250.77
41	West Leyden Road	1,142.19
42	Greenfield Road	698.45
43A	Shelburne Line Road	334.52
43B	VanNeiss Road	1,266.10
44	Fort Lucas Road	182.70
45	East Colrain Road	875.39
46	Nelson Road	672.18
47	Shearer Road	41.00
48	Joe Jurek Road	422.98
49	Prolovich Road	856.35
50	Coombs Road	268.65
51	Riels Road	136.80
52	Griswoldville Road	519.43
53	Avery Hill Road	21.10
54	Coburn Road	0.00
55	River Street	28.20
56	Jesse Wood Road	44.89
57	Now part of 55	0.00
58	Now part of 3	0.00
59	Shattuckville Road	97.95
60	Collis Road	7.83
61	Schoolhouse Road	0.00
62	Cromack Road	312.20
63	Streeter Lane	79.36
64	Bennett & Galipo Road	0.00
65	Roberts Road	44.00
	Culverts	160.40
Totals		<u>\$ 27,624.58</u>

# ALLOTMENTS:

State	\$ 23,375.00
Town	<u>4,250.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 27,625.00</u>

# Balance Sheet Town of Colrain

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### Assets

Cash:		
General		\$ 94,954.18
Special:		
Library		882.41
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953:		
Personal Property	\$ 209.12	
Real Estate	604.07	
		<hr/> 813.19
Levy of 1954:		
Poll	\$ 2.00	
Personal	2,434.84	
Real Estate	6,566.43	
		<hr/> 9,003.27
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1954		893.39
Tax Possessions		16.77
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 494.37	
Veterans' Services	140.51	
		<hr/> 634.88
Aid to Highways:		
State	\$ 12,887.79	
County	3,500.00	
		<hr/> 16,387.79
		<hr/> \$123,585.88

### Liabilities and Reserves

State and County Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	\$ 1.28	
Moth Assessment	77.54	
County Tax	1,200.12	
		<hr/> \$ 1,278.94

Trust Fund Income:		
Quintus Allen Fund	\$ 1,026.66	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	37.33	
	<hr/>	1,063.99
Griswold Memorial Library Funds		882.41
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance	\$ 122.63	
Aid to Dependent Children	590.00	
Old Age Assistance	1,943.64	
	<hr/>	2,656.27
School Lunch Program		653.94
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	\$ 2,096.37	
Taylor Brook Road	231.93	
Non-Revenue:		
Elementary School Construction	64.42	
	<hr/>	2,392.72
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,450.00
Road Machinery Fund		5,626.70
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		14,878.75
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953	\$ 813.19	
Levy of 1954	3,122.06	
	<hr/>	3,935.25
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 893.39	
Tax Possessions	16.77	
Departmental	634.88	
Aid to Highways	16,397.79	
	<hr/>	17,932.83
Surplus Revenue		70,834.08
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		\$123,585.88

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit	\$ 49,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit	96,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$145,000.00
Elementary School Construction		\$145,000.00



## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

### Trust and Investment Funds :

Cash and Securities ;

In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 3,103.15
In Custody of Library Treasurer	16,367.74

\$ 19,470.89

Davenport Relief Fund	\$ 1,272.97
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Permanent Honor Roll Fund	18.50
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### Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Annie Browning Fund	200.00
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Miller and Dennison Fund	200.00
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William S. Kemp East Colrain Fund	1,000.00
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William S. Kemp Meeting House Hill Fund	200.00
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Martha I. Babbitt Fund	111.68
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Grace A. Tenney Fund	100.00
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\$ 3,103.15

Griswold Memorial Library Funds:

General Fund	\$ 13,183.85
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Maintenance Fund	3,183.89
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16,367.74

\$ 19,470.89

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### COMMITTEE

James H. Cromack, Chairman	Term Expires 1955
Raymond Nichols, Secretary	Term Expires 1956
Louise B. O'Brien	Term Expires 1957

### SUPERINTENDENT

Philip M. Hallowell	57 Bridge Street
Telephone MADison 5-6326	Shelburne Falls

### SECRETARY

Pearl B. Rand	Buckland
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### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

John H. Olson, M. D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Hazel Pickwell, R. N.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Buckland — Colrain — Shelburne

#### FIRST WINTER TERM — 7 weeks:

Opens — Monday, January 3, 1955  
Closes — Friday, February 18, 1955  
Vacation, one week

#### SECOND WINTER TERM — 7 weeks:

Opens — Monday, February 28, 1955  
Closes — Friday, April 15, 1955      Good Friday  
Vacation, one week elementary  
Vacation, two days high

#### SPRING TERM — 8 weeks:

Opens — Wednesday, April 20, 1955	high school
Monday, April 25, 1955	elementary school
	Memorial Day
Closes — Friday, June 10, 1955	elementary school
Friday, June 17, 1955	high school

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Year Ending December 31, 1954

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Recommended Budget 1955</i>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
School Office	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,461.24	\$ 1,400.00
Supt.'s Salary	1,900.00	1,875.06	2,000.00
Other Expenses	240.00	234.67	240.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Supervisors' Salaries	2,310.00	2,287.20	2,400.00
Supervisors' Other Expenses	100.00	107.44	125.00
Teachers' Salaries	30,970.00	29,324.50	31,200.00
Substitutes	450.00	239.50	450.00
Textbooks	800.00	602.75	800.00
Supplies	1,400.00	1,724.00	1,400.00
<b>EXPENSES OF OPERATION</b>			
Wages of Janitors, etc.	3,000.00	3,011.34	2,900.00
Fuel	2,000.00	1,340.90	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	1,400.00	1,849.75	1,400.00
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Repairs, Replace., etc.	500.00	1,155.83	700.00
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES</b>			
Libraries	100.00	10.35	100.00
Health	200.00	162.89	200.00
Transportation			
High (other)	4,710.40	4,506.70	4,700.00
Elementary (within)	10,000.00	9,578.19	10,000.00
Tuition			
High	14,200.00	10,843.67	14,300.00
Miscellaneous	2,100.00	2,057.37	2,100.00
New Equipment	400.00	348.31	250.00
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	\$78,055.40	\$72,721.66	\$78,465.00
Refund,			
Teachers' Salaries & Trans. High	80.40		
Voted by town	<hr/>		
	\$77,975.00		

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Recommended Budget 1955</i>
VOCATIONAL			
EDUCATION	12,600.00	12,093.18	13,600.00
Reimbursement from State		3,804.96	
Balance, Net Cost Voc. Education		8,288.22	
QUINTUS ALLEN FUND	1,201.02	174.36	

#### Reimbursements

From State Treasurer		
Transportation, High & Elementary	\$12,536.35	
General School Fund, Chapter 70	14,290.49	
Superintendent of Schools	1,244.45	
Tuition & Transportation, State Wards	415.18	
Elementary Tuition and Transportation	1,288.59	
Total Receipts for 1954		\$29,775.06
From Town Funds		\$42,946.60
Special School Lunch		
Lunchroom Sales	\$ 7,107.49	
USDA Claims	3,357.23	
Expenditures		\$10,464.72
Balance		9,810.80
		\$ 653.92

JAMES H. CROMACK, *Chairman*  
 RAYMOND E. NICHOLS, *Secretary*  
 LOUISE O'BRIEN



## Report of School Superintendent

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as superintendent of the Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne Schools.

With a common high school I shall direct some of my thoughts to all three towns and deviate in some areas which apply only to certain towns.

In our national magazines and newspapers we are having many articles written both for and against public education. Many of these articles are helpful to stimulate our thinking and many are written by professional writers who have never taught school, to help only the sale of magazines.



The following are excerpts from articles which have appeared in some of our magazines.

### YESTERDAY'S SCHOOLS VS. TODAY'S

"In 1921, 5,690 children in the third through the eighth grade in Lincoln, Nebraska, were given a reading test. In 1947, some 5,100 Lincoln kids took the same test. Here are the average scores with the 1921 scores first. Grade 3 - 44.84%, 57.69%; Grade 4 - 65.29%, 73.28%; Grade 5 - 76.47%, 90.13 %; Grade 6 - 79.69%, 91.96%; Grade 7 - 89.50%, 94.01%; Grade 8 - 89.19%, 92.92%."

"In Dearborn, Michigan, five public schools compared pupils in the fourth through the sixth grade in 1926 and 1951. The 1951 youngsters showed themselves as much as a year and a half ahead of the 1926 boys and girls in reading and at least one semester ahead of them in arithmetic. In written and oral English the difference was even greater—the 1951 kids registering as much as a two-year lead over the corresponding 1926 classes. Only in spelling did Dearborn's 1951 crop of pupils fail to beat students of the previous generation."

There are other similar studies which have been made.

### THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Probably one major change which has developed in our school systems during the past twenty years has been the introduction of the school lunch program. I can well remember its beginning back in the 1930's when children were fed in one of the small towns in which I was teaching. In those days this program was the only possible chance which some children had to obtain any food from one day to the next.

Today we look upon the lunch program as a medium of building healthier citizens and as a social experience. From September 1953 to June 1954 the Buckland School cafeteria served 19,670 meals, the Colrain School cafeteria served 37,912 meals and in Shelburne 42,168 meals were served. The average cost per meal was as follows: Buckland .33¢, Colrain .31¢ and Shelburne .36¢. The children are charged .25¢ for meals in Buckland, .20¢ for meals in Colrain, .20¢ for children in the Shelburne elementary schools, and .25¢ for children at the high school level. The Federal Government through the State Department of Education reimburses each town .09¢ for each meal served. In addition many surplus commodities are available to serve the children through the Federal Lunch Office.

In our agreements to participate in the Federal Lunch Program, we cannot deprive any child providing he is willing to pay for his lunch, from eating in the school lunch room.

### ARMS ACADEMY

At the end of the 1954 school year Mr. Thomas Watkins, who had so ably filled the position of Principal during the past nineteen

years, retired from his position. During these nineteen years Mr. Watkins gave most generously of his time and efforts in promoting high standards of scholarship at the academy. I am sure we all join in wishing him many happy enjoyable and fruitful years now that he has left public school service.

After processing over forty-five applications and interviewing a number of candidates Mr. Dana Drew of Portland, Maine was selected to succeed Mr. Watkins. Mr. Drew has had a great deal of experience as a secondary school teacher, coach, and principal. In addition he has had the experience of working with students at the Junior College level.

### TEACHER CHANGES

At the end of the school year 1953 and 1954 there was a 25% turn over of teachers in the school union. The large percentage of these changes took place at Arms Academy. This may sound like an alarming teacher turn over. However, in talking with other superintendents I find the turn over in towns range from 10%, 50%, and even in some towns 100%.

Some teacher change is good for any system but an excess of change damages an educational institution. Why do teachers change positions?

1. Professional advancement
2. Higher salaries
3. Better physical conditions under which to teach
4. Nearness to family and friends
5. Lack of friendliness in a community
6. Unnecessary criticism from people of a community

What are the factors which influence teachers to come to our community?

1. Salary
2. Working conditions (facilities and class size)
3. Attractiveness of a community
4. Living conditions in a community
5. Location of a community

### REGIONAL PLANNING

During the past several months a committee of nine members called the Regional School Planning Committee has been meeting to attempt to find a solution to the school housing situation.

There is no doubt that the schools of the past and also at present are doing an outstanding job of educating our youth. There is also no doubt that the horse and buggy, the sailing vessel, and the square rigger, the kerosene lamp, the record playing victrola, and the milking pail and stool served well and contributed much in its time. We have left most of these latter mentioned instruments to a by-gone age and

are facing the future realistically. If schools are to train citizens of a future generation who are to live in the atomic age, the jet airplane, and even the possibility of flying into space, they must change, too.

Schools organized on a larger unit basis are to be the schools of the future. Such towns as Charlemont and Hawley on the elementary level; Deerfield, Whately, Conway, and Sunderland, Northfield, Bernardston, and Warwick on the secondary level, have moved forward into this new age. There are many others throughout this state, the New England States, and the Nation that have done the same.

Recently the National Association of Manufacturers, which is a conservative organization, in a pamphlet dated August 1954 entitled "Our Public Schools" wrote as follows: "Many states encourage reorganization of school districts—as a method of improving education. Small schools and small districts tend to be expensive; they may not obtain full return on the dollars invested. Their financial limitations make it impossible to offer a broad educational program."

They also quote as follows: "We are spending proportionately less of our income on schools today than we did in 1930—even then the schools were supported inadequately."

A brochure of the Regional Planning Committee findings will be printed for all the citizens of Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne to study before they report back to the respective towns.

### COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Most of the facts concerning the organization at the Colrain Central School have been outlined in the principal's report. Colrain has again been most fortunate in having a minimum of teacher replacement. Any town which can boast of so few replacements is indeed most fortunate in these times of teacher shortages. There is no doubt that the type of conditions under which teachers work (new buildings, etc.) tends to reduce teacher replacement.

Last spring the school committee received the resignation of Mrs. Isabelle Sternburg who had so capably filled the position of teacher of grade one. Mrs. Sternburg found it necessary to resign because of poor health. Mrs. Alice Streeter was appointed to fill the position.

This fall Mr. Myron Fish resigned his position as custodian. Mr. George Call was appointed to replace Mr. Fish. Myron did an outstanding job of maintaining the building and we were all sorry to see him leave. Mr. Call is continuing the good work which was so ably carried on by Myron during his service as custodian.

The remedial program and the helping teacher, I am sure, have produced results which will be beneficial to your children now and in the years ahead.

During the summer months the kitchen was repainted. A new thirty-two cubic foot freezer was purchased for the cafeteria. This will save on the rental of freezer space and also save many hours in transporting food from the Freezer Locker to Colrain.

A new vacuum cleaner was purchased this past year. The original vacuum cleaner which was purchased when the building was new did not seem to be an efficient machine. The school committee received a trade-in allowance of seventy-five dollars for the old machine. Since the purchase of the new vacuum cleaner we have observed that the floors are more easily and better maintained.

During the summer of 1955 the exterior of the Colrain Central School should be painted.

I wish to thank the school committee for their understanding counsel, the teachers for their support, and the parents and pupils for their whole hearted cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP M. HALLOWELL  
Superintendent of Schools

**TOWN OF COLRAIN**  
**MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1954**

AGE (Boys)													Total
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
1	3	9		1								13	
2		3	13	1								17	
3			3	11	2							16	
4				4	7							11	
5					1	8	3	1				13	
6						5	9	3				17	
7								8	2	1		11	
8									9	3	1	13	
Total	3	12	16	17	10	13	12	12	11	4	1	111	

AGE (Girls)														Total
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
1	2	11	2										15	
2		3	11			1							15	
3			5	6	1								12	
4				6	18	2							26	
5					2	9	4						15	
6						4	9	1					14	
7							1	9	3				13	
8								2	3	1			6	
Total	2	14	18	12	21	16	14	12	6	1	—		116	

**SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1954**

Ages	5-7	7-14	14-16	Totals
Boys	26	94	27	147
Girls	34	95	15	144
Totals	60	189	42	291



# Report of School Organization

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Exper.</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
Raymond Amnott	Aroostook S. N. (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '49	22	\$3905.94	Principal, Gr. 7
Marian T. Byron	N. A. Normal (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '50	17	3433.36	Gr. 6
Helen Carpenter	Summer Courses	Sept. '54	8	2193.36	Helping Teacher, Gr. 4
Lyndal C. Denison	N. Adams Normal (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '46	14	3433.36	Remedial Work, Gr. 1—5
Muriel W. Miller	Worcester (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '47	12	3,333.36	Gr. 2
Dorothy B. Quinn	Fitchburg (3 yr. Diploma)	Nov. '49	9	3,166.72	Gr. 5
Ruby L. Root	North Adams (Summer Courses)	Sept. '47	16	3,433.36	Gr. 3
John J. Shea	Vesper George (Diploma)	Sept. '47	7	800.40	Art
Stanley H. Smithers	B. S.—Syracuse University	Sept. '46	15	986.80	Music
Alice G. Streeter	North Adams (Summer Courses)	Jan. '52	12	2,933.44	Gr. 1
Gertrude M. Streeter	Westfield (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '49	22	3,433.36	Gr. 8
<i>Resignations</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Appointments</i>			<i>Effective Date</i>
Isabel Sternberg	June 1954	Helen Carpenter			Sept. 1954

# Report of Principal of Colrain Central School

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I herewith submit my second annual report as principal of Colrain Central School.

School convened September 8th with an enrollment of 227 pupils. We were fortunate in having all of our former teachers return to us again. There was one change in teacher assignment. Mrs. Alice Streeter was assigned regular teacher in the first grade and Mrs. Helen Carpenter became remedial reading teacher and assistant in the fourth grade. One change has taken place in the school personnel. Myron Fish resigned as custodian and George Call was hired to replace him. While we were very sorry to see Myron leave us, we are happy to state that the building is being very capably cared for by George.

Our academic program is progressing very well. Within the past year we did some curriculum revising and replaced all of our social studies books with new, up-to-date histories and geographies. It is a general feeling among educators that because of the rapid change in world events, history and geography books become obsolete in a short time. This is more so in the field of geography because of changes brought about by newer and faster methods of transportation, communication, and changes in ways of living caused by newer methods in agriculture, manufacturing, mining, and other industries all over the world. With these thoughts in mind, a committee of teachers chose a series of textbooks that, they felt, would meet the needs of the children. At present a group of teachers is working on a language curriculum. Our school is being represented by Mrs. Gertrude Streeter.

As has been mentioned in a previous report, the main purpose of any school is to provide boys and girls with a certain amount of skill in reading, writing, and arithmetic. I am heartily in accord with this purpose. But other aims and purposes also should be stressed.

In this age of speedy transportation and communication, we have to learn that we cannot live by ourselves but have to live with other people. We must learn to be tolerant and to see that the "other fellow" has rights and privileges that should be considered as well as ours. This tolerance is one of the characteristics of a good citizen and is a large part of our "American Way" of living.

One of the best ways of creating a learning situation in getting along with others is by having a well-planned and executed physical education program in the school. In such a program children learn to play as well as work together. They learn that in order to get

along and get the best out of their school life they must respect the rights, privileges, and abilities of other children. A good physical education program takes into consideration every child and tends to develop his potential as a good citizen. While we do have a certain amount of physical education in our school, I feel that the situation could be improved greatly and that the children would benefit greatly by an improved program.

In conjunction with physical education, the seventh and eighth grades have a series of socials every year. These socials are largely pupil-planned and pupil-executed. They have proved to be highly successful. Besides giving the boys and girls a chance to use their abilities in planning and executing activities, they tend to develop a certain amount of physical poise and to enhance social graces. We are indebted and grateful to our local P. T. A. for their help in making these socials more successful.

At this time I would like to make mention of our special supervisors and the good work they are doing to make our school a success. Mr. Fleming, the penmanship supervisor, has a program planned that tends to develop good penmanship in all the pupils. Mr. Shea's art program certainly "speaks" for itself by the amount of excellent work exhibited at our open-house each year. The results of Mr. Smither's musical program is probably best portrayed at the Arms Academy Annual Spring Concert, a program well worth seeing and hearing.

Our school cafeteria is still very popular with the children and contributes greatly to our school program. Delicious, nourishing, well-balanced meals are served by our dietician, Mrs. Marion Call, and her assistants, Mrs. Agnes Purington, and Mrs. Natalie Worden.

Miss Genevieve Ely, dental hygienist from the State Department of Health, is continuing her dental program in the school. This year she did not apply the sodium-fluoride treatment but did give each child a thorough check-up. The parents were notified of any dental defects in the children. Sound teeth are essential not only to good health but also to good looks. Because of this, a good oral hygiene program should be carried on by all children. Frequent visits to the dentist are necessary as a part of this program. I would earnestly urge all parents to cooperate in this matter for the benefit of the children.

To all school personnel for their cooperation, to the superintendent of schools, and the school committee for their help and guidance, to the citizens of Colrain for their support, all of which are needed to keep our school a functional institution of learning, I am humbly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND AMNOTT, Principal

# Report of Principal of Arms Academy

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I submit herewith my first annual report as Principal of Arms Academy.

This, my first report, will of necessity be quite incomplete, and will consist of several general observations that show either the strong or weak points of your high school. These are my personal opinions, based on what experience I have gained during the past thirteen years as teacher, coach, and principal. It is not to be critical of the past, but to look forward to the future of our children, that these things are mentioned.

## The Fall Semester

The fall semester has been, in general, quite successful. Our football team and band provided us with many enjoyable Saturday afternoons and, win or lose, proved that good coaching, team spirit, and hard work will provide many valuable lessons.

Our Booster Day and Magazine Drive were most successful, due to the wonderful cooperation of both students and townspeople. Without these two sources of income we would be at least \$1,000.00 in the red at the end of the year.

The Senior Play was a fine lesson in cooperation, as nearly every member of the Senior Class had some part in making it a truly fine performance.

The academic side of the school is going reasonably well. You, as townspeople and teachers of the past, can be justly proud of providing a very broad curriculum and insisting on high standards of achievement. These standards are maintained in every area, whether it be vocational training, college preparation, or general achievement. In an era when there is a slight tendency to dilute or minimize achievement, let us hope that we can maintain our good standing.

The students have many excellent qualities, even though a few seem to have no goals and drift from day to day. They are well worth your confidence and support. Be sure to encourage and promote their many fine qualities, rather than harp on their few weaknesses. They are our greatest hope—both as our sons and daughters and as our future neighbors and citizens.



## Items for Thought and Discussion

The following points need general thought and discussion by townspeople and school personnel. I shall propose the following with but brief discussion and with hope that consideration may be given to each one.

1. **CHANGES IN FACULTY.** A few changes in faculty may be desirable, but many changes can lead to semi-disaster. In six years there have been 32 changes in the faculty at Arms Academy, which were as follows for the past four years: 1951, seven; 1952, five; 1953, seven; 1954, seven. When nearly 40% of the faculty is new each year it is rather difficult to organize and supervise the type of program we want for our children. As an example, one of our present seniors has had four different teachers in mathematics in four years. Let's study this situation as our most important high school problem and do something about it.

2. **FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULE.** There is a need for the addition of a few courses and the changing of course requirements, in both the academic and vocational programs, to better fit the many needs of our students. This will be partially remedied this coming year but requires a continuing study and action program each year.

3. **INADEQUATE CLASSROOM AND SHOP SPACE.** Granted that the condition is no worse than it has been for many years, classroom and shop facilities are inadequate. There are six classrooms that are either in the cellar or of such shape that teaching is most disagreeable and certainly not efficient. One shop is not more than half big enough, and the agricultural shop is in an underheated building in Buckland.

4. **AUDITORIUM SPACE LIMITED BY A NEW AND VALUABLE SERVICE.** Our auditorium is now a cafeteria where we serve hot lunches to 170 high school students and 90 elementary students every day. This leaves us without a suitable assembly hall, no stage facilities, and interferes with the use of one classroom.

5. **INADEQUATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC FIELDS.** The Cricket Field is over a mile from school, which causes not only a great inconvenience but also a safety problem in getting our boys there and back. The baseball field interferes with the football field, and bleachers must be moved back and forth. In addition to this, the only area open for classes in physical education is on the front campus, where it is rather difficult to try to have boys play touch football and girls field hockey at the same time.

6. **SAFETY AND HEALTH: A PROBLEM IN PASSING FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING.** Every day at least half of our



pupils must go out-of-doors and across two public roads while changing classes.

7. CHANGING FROM 8TH GRADE TO FIRST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. Many students find difficulty in the transition from 8th grade to high school. This step needs to be made smaller, probably through a 7-12 school.

8. BETTER GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN CURRICULUM PLANNING. Some students have programs too difficult, some not difficult enough. Some may be in the wrong field. Some don't understand the many opportunities in other programs. A great deal of attention is being given this situation, but we need better cooperation on this vital problem.

9. STUDENTS NEED INDIVIDUAL HELP. All of our teachers are here at least forty-five minutes after general dismissal for the purpose of giving individual help, but the time is not being used to advantage by pupils. Encourage the use of this privilege.

10. PARENTS DO NOT VISIT THE SCHOOL. We are always available to talk with you concerning your child's problems. Your help is necessary if we are to be successful in our work. Let's talk over our common interest—your youngsters.

These may or may not be valid comments about the most pressing problems at Arms Academy, but they represent my own rather early conclusions.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA E. DREW, Principal



## CLASS OF 1954

### Preparatory

Elaine Agnes Call  
Esther Edith Davenport  
Martha Winnifred Donelson  
Claire Elizabeth Ferguson  
Dudley Alfred Ferrari  
Viola Mae Goodnow  
Sandra Ann Kelleher  
Marilyn Lula Kenney  
Andrew Swanton Kratt  
Anne Marie McQuade

Jo-ann Marie Miller  
Sheila Mae Mongeau  
Raymond Earl Nichols  
Dexter Thomas O'Brien  
Lawrence Andrew Rancourt  
Linwood Ellsworth Rowland, Jr.  
Ann Elizabeth St. Jacques  
Mary Elizabeth Stone  
Barbara May Totman  
Heather Elinor Wishart

Marian Louise Woodsome

### Commercial

Beatrice Elizabeth Arial  
Helen Lucy Barry  
Diane Lillian Booker  
Carol Edna Coburn  
Joseph Paul Cormier  
James Elgin Coutu'  
Sally Ann Demarais  
Patricia Ann Harris

June Anna McManus  
Shirley Beulah Miller  
Janet Donna Richardson  
Vivian Ann Roberts  
Harriet May Shepherd  
Loretta Josephine Walker  
Helen Arlene Wheeler  
Ruth Sarah Winn

Dorothy Ellis York

### General Vocational

\*John Arthur Coburn  
Leslie Charles Ladd  
\*Arthur Joseph March

Howard Robert Smead  
James Russell Streeter  
Ronald Glen Young

### Household Arts

Phyllis Louise Copley  
Virginia Dorothy Cutter

Irene Lee Raymond  
Betty Ann Willis

### Agriculture

Robert Harding Davis

Richard Arthur Goldthwaite  
Eric Dalton Temple

### General

(Includes graduates who have taken combinations of other curricula)

Donna Jean Bailey  
Richard Andrew Bartlett  
Joan Arlene Batchelder  
Robert Gould Brewer  
Marilyn Jeanne Brown  
Ronald Bernard Chasles  
Janice May Clark  
John Charles Cress  
Flora Charlotte Hillman  
Helen Dorothy Horrocks  
John Robert Hunt

\*James Thomas Jurek  
Barbara Joan Kirk  
Robert Harvey Mazanec  
Judith Adams Mead  
John Timothy Murphy  
Walter Chase Phillips  
Gerald Hugh Ralston  
Roger Dewey Spencer  
Gayle Sydney Sullivan  
Alvis Mae Tetreault  
Jacqueline Thelma Wilde  
Paula Irene Williams

\* Upon completion of work

## 1954 MARSHAL

Dexter Thomas O'Brien

### SPECIAL HONORS

Pupils who have attained the rank of A in three-fourths of their work during the four years or in their entire work during the last two years.

Dudley Alfred Ferrari

Barbara May Totman

### HONORS

Pupils who have attained the rank of A or B in three-fourths of their work during the four years or in their entire work during the last two years.

Helen Lucy Barry

Elaine Agnes Call

Esther Edith Davenport

Martha Winnifred Donelson

Claire Elizabeth Ferguson

Patricia Ann Harris

Leslie Charles Ladd

Anne Marie McQuade

Jo-ann Marie Miller

Dexter Thomas O'Brien

Vivian Ann Roberts

Gayle Sydney Sullivan

Betty Ann Willis

Marian Louise Woodsome

### CLASS OFFICERS

President, Dexter Thomas O'Brien

Vice President, Viola Mae Goodnow

Treasurer, Lawrence Andrew Rancourt

Secretary, Esther Edith Davenport

Representative to Student Council, Dudley Alfred Ferrari

Class Historian, Helen Lucy Barry

Note: White Rosette indicates Pro Merito; red indicates Class Officer; mixed indicates both



## MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A very common expression in the field of school music is "Music for every child, every child for Music."

What does music have to offer? In the first place, music can make children's lives at least a little happier and anything worthwhile that helps people to be even a bit happier is "good." Music is accepted as the "Universal Language." It can surmount even the barriers of tongue, creed and color. Therefore it has a very considerable socializing effect, in that it helps people to get along better with others.

Perhaps one of the greatest values of music is that it teaches "teamwork." The discipline of working with others in an effort to produce pleasing musical performance is quite likely to influence the person in the direction of losing sight of himself in his effort to help the group.

One could well say that the primary goal of music education is the enrichment of students' lives. I continually strive for this goal, and with the capable help of the classroom teacher, I trust that we are at least partially successful.

We hope to be able to place new music textbooks in the schools soon for the further enrichment of the students. The present ones have been in use for nearly ten years and are not pretty well worn out, but are slightly outmoded in some respects.

Improved reading ability continues to be a prime objective, along with as much listening and rhythm work as time permits.

Through the kindness of the Colrain P.T.A. tonettes (pre-band instruments) will be purchased for use in the 4th grade. From past experience, I feel sure the boys and girls will receive much benefit and enjoyment from these instruments. My thanks to the P.T.A. for making this possible.

There are at present 21 students taking instrumental lessons. This is an increase of one over last year. I would say that the success of each instrumental student depends upon the following: (1) interest (2) daily practice; (3) regular attendance for lessons and (4) an average amount of talent. I believe that "interest" is the most important of these four points, for if that is present the other things will take care of themselves. Unfortunately, too many students practice only occasionally. Because of this their progress is greatly retarded, and so their interest lags. I would truly appreciate any home help that I could get relative to daily practice. Only through these points can our instrumental program attain the success for which I hope.

The Arms Academy band has 42 members at present. This is a decrease of 2 from last year. This is an excellent example of the importance of a good feeder system. Seventeen key players were lost to the band through graduation. This is the largest number that I have ever lost at one time from any school band. This speaks well for the musical accomplishments of the class of '54. Only through hard work in the elementary schools can these members be replaced yearly.

Of the 42 members in this year's band, 11 are Colrain Students.

New and modern uniforms arrived for the band last spring. They certainly add greatly to the appearance. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each individual and group who helped in any way to make this possible.



Through the kindness of the Academy P.T.A. we have recently purchased a glockenspiel, which we anticipate will add to the band considerably.

The band participated in the following events during the past year: All football games, Booster Day Rally, Franklin County Fair, opening of Gribbons Music House, Senior Play, Basketball Tournament at Amherst, Western Massachusetts Music Festival, Memorial Day (Colrain), Annual Spring Concert, Graduation and the Fourth of July Parade.

The Junior Band continues to practice weekly and plays for the elementary school graduations.

The twirlers have continued to be very active, especially in the fall and spring. Their work has, in my opinion, been outstanding. It is expected that they will have new uniforms shortly.

The Arms Chorus continues to be large, with approximately 135 members. They have, I think, performed in such a manner in the past, as to bring considerable credit to themselves.

For the continued support of the teachers, school officials, and townspeople, I am grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY H. SMITHERS, *Supervisor*



## SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

The annual physical examinations have been completed by Dr. John Olson with few major defects noted. As in the past year, children in three grades of elementary school age were examined.

The usual weights and measures have been taken. The audiometer tests were given early in the spring with few minor defects noted. The Massachusetts Vision Tests have been given this fall. Several visual defects were noted and many corrections are being made.

Miss Genevieve Ely, dental hygienist from the Connecticut Valley District of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has examined all children for dental cares; and has given all the children certificates to be signed by their dentist when dental work is completed. This has encouraged better dental health.



The clinic for immunization to diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus was held in the spring. Eighty-one children attended; 39 were preschool age. All children, except one, entering first grade have received immunization at the clinic or by a private physician.

The Well Child Conference for preschool children was held July 19, 20, 21 with cooperation and assistance of the Parent-Teachers Association, parents, and other interested people. Dr. John Olson was the attending physician. Mrs. Vester Coombs was nutritional consultant, and Mrs. Roslyn McIntosh was dental consultant. 115 children attended. 19 entered school in September.

#### Accomplishments

- 3 children taken home from school
- 2 children taken to school
- 3 children taken to the Crippled Children's Clinic—Greenfield
- 3 children taken to the Crippled Children's Treatment Center, Shelburne Falls
- 1 child taken to Springfield—Crippled Children's Service
- 1 child taken to Greenfield—Crippled Children's Service
- 1 child taken to Shelburne Falls dentist
- 2 children taken to doctor's office—Colrain
- 1 boy and 1 girl taken to Greenfield Health Camp

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.



## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

Physical examinations have been made on the pupils attending the Colrain Public School according to the Massachusetts revised laws as pertains to examinations of school children.

Children in the first, fifth and eighth grades were examined, also all new pupils.

The general health and development of the children were found to be predominately good and few defects of any consequence were found.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OLSON, M. D.,  
School Physician.







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